



Anesthesia Transporter

The Anesthesia Floater/Transporter monitors the cats for complications that may occur as a result of the anesthesia, removes the cats from their cages when they are fully anesthetized, puts them on pee pad pads, and brings them to the Pre-Exam station.

Safety First

- **Monitor the cat for complications resulting from the anesthesia**, in particular, irregular breathing, no breathing or vomiting.
- **Monitor the cat's position** as it becomes sedate. If the cat's face is blocked or its neck is twisted, tip the trap to reposition the cat, so it can breathe well.
- **If a partially anesthetized cat begins to vomit**, tilt the trap so that the cat's head is lower than its body. A partially awake cat can control its vomit reflex. **Do not remove the cat from the trap.**
- **If an anesthetized cat begins to vomit**, hold the cat with his head towards the floor, and use a cotton-tipped swab to clear the back of the throat. Do not use your finger. Have the veterinarians at the Veterinary Exam Station check the mouth for any remaining food or fluid.
- **Respiration should be >6/minute, heartbeat should be >100/minute, and gum color should be pink.** If the cat is not breathing well, or its gums are blue, take the cat immediately to the Emergency Station. **Speaking loudly and calmly say "cat not breathing" to alert vets to converge at the Emergency Station.**

Note: Xylazine causes pale gums.

Special Handling

- **When handling the cat, do not hold the scruff of its neck alone.** Always support its back and bottom too. Support the cat's head without flexing its neck, so that the airway remains straight and open.
- **Keep the cat entirely on its pee pad, including its tail, head and all of its feet.** Do not allow any part of the cat's body to contact clothing, skin or anything except the pee pad, in order to prevent any contamination from cat to cat.

Station Alert

- **Never open a cage containing an alert or semi-conscious cat.**

Anesthesia Monitor-Tagger Instructions

1. **Remove the fully anesthetized cat** from the trap. Place the cat directly on a pee pad pad, fuzzy side toward cat being careful not to let its head, feet, tail or any body part come off the pad. Do not leave the cat unattended: either hand the empty trap with its covers to a fellow Monitor-Tagger who is available or replace the empty trap in the holding cage.
2. **Anesthesia/Recovery Monitors or Cleaners** will come to collect traps for cleaning.
3. Deliver the cat on the pee pad along with the medical record to the pre-exam station.

All Station Images



Station Closing and Cleanup

When the clinic is concluded all station volunteers are expected to assist in the following:

- Inventory the remaining supplies and repack the supply kits.
- Wipe and **dry** all plastic sleeves inside and out with disinfectant to clean.
- Clean all tables and the holding areas.
- Clear area of all trash and take all full trash bags to the dumpster.