

# Clinic Anesthetist

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The Clinic Anesthetist assesses the general health and appearance of each cat and sedates them for surgery.

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## Safety First

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- **Discard sharps from each cat in the biohazard container.**
- **Dispose of all needles and syringes according to protocol with no exceptions. Recap the needles.** Place the needle into a sharps disposal container. The syringe can be disposed of in the garbage.

## Station Alert

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- **Observe the general health and appearance of each cat** to screen for any potential contraindications for anesthesia.
- **Check each cat for a tipped ear before** the cat receives any anesthesia.

## Clinic Anesthetist Instructions

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1. **Prepare multiple doses of the DKB anesthesia mixture upon arrival** using 1 ml Luer lock syringes with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch 22g needle assembly to draw up several doses of DKB. Refer to the DKB dosing chart.
2. **Assess the cat before injecting anesthesia:**
  - Inspect the cat's ears. A tipped left ear indicates the cat has already been sterilized. Occasionally, the right ear has been tipped instead. If an ear is tipped, do not anesthetize the cat. Instead, cover the trap, affix an "Already Neutered" tag to the handle, and send the cat and its Medical Record to the Veterinary Examination Station.
  - Screen for any potential contraindications for anesthesia by observing the general health and appearance of each cat.
  - Consult with the Clinic Supervisor before anesthetizing kittens younger than 8 weeks or less than 2 pounds, or debilitated cats.
  - Make a note on the Medical Record regarding any unusual findings or concerns. ie. check jaw, vomited after induction, etc.
  - Attach a **red ID band** to the handle of any trap with a kitten < 5 months of age
3. **Inject the cat in the paralumbar muscle** through the holes of the trap as soon as the Anesthesia Restrainer confines the cat with the trap divider. Communicate the Cat ID number, anesthesia dose, DKB vial #, and time of injection to the Anesthesia Recorder:

- Use a hemostat to retrieve the needle, if it comes off the syringe and remains in the cat. Luer Lock syringes should be used to prevent this from happening. Do not reach into the trap while the cat is awake.
- Dispose of the used needle in sharps container.

## All Station Images

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## Station Closing and Cleanup

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

- Inventory the remaining supplies and repack the supply kits. Replacement supplies are found in our Storage Room.
- Replace the repacked kit, including instructions, on the rolling cart in the proper position.
- Wipe and **dry** all plastic sleeves inside and out with disinfectant to clean.
- Clean all tables and holding areas.
- Clear area of all trash and take full garbage bags to the dumpster.

Complete the DKB drug log and return **ALL** drug vials, **including empty vials**, to the Clinic Supervisor. A completed drug log means it is signed by the Anesthetist and all blank areas are crossed off.