

COMMUNITY CAT FAQS

Scheduling

Do I need to have an appointment?

Yes. Our surgery space is limited so all surgeries are performed by appointment only. Currently, surgeries are performed on Sundays.

How do I make an appointment?

To make an appointment, please email communitycats@morrisanimalrefuge.org or call 267-951-2353. Email is the best way to get ahold of us.

What are pick up and drop off times?

Drop off: 8:45 am - 10:00am

Pick up: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

General

Can my pet cat have surgery?

No. At this time, our grant funding is specifically to be allocated to community cats and not pet cats. If you are looking for low-cost spay or neuter for your pet cat, please check out the following organizations: PSPCA, Philly Paws, Emancipet.





What is a community cat?

Community cats are cats that live outdoors and are often cared for by the community. If you live in Philly, you probably see them all the time! Community cats can be friendly, like house cats, or feral (undersocialized). You can read more about community cats here: <https://www.alleycat.org/resources/get-informed-discover-the-truth-about-feral-cats/>

Can you keep the friendly cat I bring in for surgery?

We are able to keep cats for adoption on a very limited basis as space allows. We will notify you if we have space but there are no guarantees.

How much does this program cost?

This program is currently free thanks to grant funding provided by Mac's Fund! However, the program itself costs \$40 per cat. To keep this program affordable in the long-term, consider donating today!

What does the surgery package include?

The package includes an exam, spay or neuter surgery, vaccines (FVRCP and rabies), flea treatment (Revolution), left ear tip, and tattoo. Additional services will be offered at low-cost.

Is this program just for community cats in Philadelphia?

Yes. Since we're such a small shelter, our surgery space is limited. At this time, our resources are fully occupied with the urgent needs of the Philadelphia community.

I have a community cat that needs to be spayed/neutered and it is sick/injured. Can you help with this as well?

All cats will receive an exam. If illness or injury is noted and it is within our capabilities we will treat it. We are only able to treat minor wounds/injuries and illness. If your cat is found to have a major illness or injury, we will call to discuss this with you.

What is an ear tip?

An ear tip is the universal sign that a cat has been spayed or neutered. It is easy to recognize which prevents cats from being re-trapped when they have already had surgery. Approximately 1/8" of the cat's ear is clipped under anesthesia.

Thank you for your interest in community cats! Email us at communitycats@morriscats.org to make an appointment today!



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