

# Anesthesia Restrainer

The Anesthesia Restrainer retrieves cats in traps to be anesthetized, restrains the cats for injection and transfers them to the induction area for observation after they have been anesthetized. **This position requires a rabies vaccination.**

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## Safety First

- ✓ **Anyone handling traps with conscious cats must wear leather gloves.**

## Station Alert

- **Cats should be anesthetized in order of earliest discharge time.** Be sure to finish one discharge time group before starting the next.
- **Check each cat for a tipped ear or URI before** the cat receives any anesthesia.

## Anesthesia Restrainer Instructions

1. **Cats that should be left to the end of day include those with green “Food” tags followed by orange “URI” tags.**
2. **Retrieve cats in traps to be anesthetized.** Use Gender ID tags to select known females and known males. Pink (female) and blue (male) tags are clipped to the trap handles. Traps with no pink or blue tags are unknown gender.
3. **Transport one female for each spay surgeon to anesthesia when the clinic begins.** Thereafter, transport all cats as they arrive alternating males and females when possible.
4. **Monitor the number of male and female cats who are fully anesthetized at any one time** keeping an eye on the flow through surgery to make sure the stations can accommodate the cats without delay.
5. **Remove the trap cover; fold and place on top of the trap** so the cover stays with the trap.
6. **Check the cat for a tipped ear or URI** before the cat receives the TKX injection.
  - If an ear is tipped, do not anesthetize the cat. Instead, cover the trap, affix a tan “Already Neutered” tag to the handle, and send the cat and its Medical Record to the Veterinary Examination Station.
  - If the cat has signs of URI, do not anesthetize the cat. Instead, cover the trap, affix an orange “URI” tag to the handle, and place the cat in the isolation area to have surgery last.
7. **Gently tip the trap on its end and restrain the cat with a trap divider inserted through the trap.** With the trap positioned vertically on the table, slide the trap divider of the divider through the mesh of the trap, angling the trap divider to corner the cat as tightly as possible, allowing the Anesthetist to access a suitable injection site.
8. **If other tags are affixed to the trap (orange “URI,” green “Food,” red “Medical Alert”),** retrieve these and hand them to the Anesthesia Recorder to put in the sleeve with the Medical Record. Remove the Gender ID tags from the trap and hand them to the Anesthesia Recorder to collect for Admissions.
9. **Transfer the trap to the induction area for observation** while the cat succumbs to the anesthesia. Place the Medical Record in its plastic sleeve on top of the trap. If the cat is not anesthetized within 15 minutes, advise the Anesthetist. An additional half-dose may be given without seeking approval from the Clinic Supervisor.

## Station Closing and Cleanup

When the clinic is concluded:

- inventory the remaining supplies and repack the supply kits
- return the kits, station instructions, and any remaining items to storage
- return Gender ID tags to Admissions
- wipe and dry all plastic sleeves inside and out to clean
- clean the area
- dispose of all trash
- wash all tables

- sweep or vacuum
- mop the floor.