

Appropriate cat carrier for the day of surgery

- Your cat must be brought in a commercially available hard plastic carrier, no soft-sided cloth or plastic. After surgery, your cat will be groggy and weak. If he moves his head into a corner of the soft-sided carrier, it may collapse around his face and he could suffocate.
- The carrier must be clean. Male cats' incision sites are open after surgery, and female cats have had their stomachs shaved and have closed incisions. Your cat will go back in their carrier after surgery and to prevent infection the carrier needs to be clean.
- Place a clean towel or small blanket in the bottom of the carrier for your pet's comfort. If your towel gets soiled, it may be discarded and we will replace it with a clean towel.
- Your carrier should have a secured door so that your cat is not able to get loose.
- No cardboard boxes, plastic totes, or homemade devices should be used.
- If you are bringing in more than one cat for surgery, they each need to be in their own carrier.
- Your cat needs to be in the proper size carrier. It needs to be large enough for your cat to stand up without crouching and long enough for her to lie down after surgery. Typically, a 24-inch carrier is large enough to hold a 10-20 lb. cat.

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