

How to host a Purple Cat clinic

Qualifications to host a Purple Cat clinic:

Need to schedule a minimum of 35 cats. No more than 25 female cats total. 50 cats total max.

All cats need to be in carriers prior to Dr. Angie arriving at your location. Dr. Angie cannot assist with trapping.

You will be responsible for scheduling the public cats.

You will need to provide 1-2 adult volunteers to work the day of the clinic.

Purple Cat will need access to clean running water, toilet, and electrical outlet.

A shelter will be needed to house the cats in their carriers before and after surgery. This shelter will need to be heated during cold weather. A garage works well.

Payment is due in cash or certified check day of clinic.

2019 prices:

\$55 Feral/farm/colony cat; includes mandatory ear tip, rabies and 3-way vaccine

\$65 Pet female cat, vaccines additional: \$10 rabies, \$10 3-way vaccine

\$45 Pet male cat, vaccines additional: \$10 rabies, \$10 3-way vaccine

\$35/\$55 Humane Society or Rescue, vaccines additional: \$10 rabies, \$10 3-way vaccine

To schedule a Purple Cat clinic after above qualifications have been met:

Contact Dr. Angie Ruppel: Mobile: 715-419-1989, Email: afruppel@gmail.com, Facebook messenger

Preparing for your Purple Cat clinic:

Appoint one person in charge of scheduling. Their phone number will be needed for folks to call when scheduling.

Advertise on Facebook, newspaper, radio, humane societies etc.

Make a spreadsheet with each client's first and last names, cell number, number of cats, sex of cats, which services they desire (outdoor/ear tip cats vs indoor pet cat), payment owed.

Communicate with clients three times prior to the clinic. 1st communication is on the day they schedule, 2nd communication is one week prior to the Purple Cat clinic, 3rd client communication is on the day before the Purple Cat clinic. Texting is the preferred method of communicating as the clients are most likely to get the information. It is also the fastest method compared to email and voice phone call.

1st client communication within 1-2 days they initially contact you to schedule:

Welcome client by name.

Date and location of clinic they are scheduled for.

Address of clinic.

Note to have cats in clean carriers, one cat per carrier.

Cost of services.

Note to have payment in cash or certified check at surgery check-in.

Surgery check-in time.

Plan for discharge time.

Tell client to bring "New Client Form" filled out one per cat. This form is found on the website www.purplecatvet.com under "forms".

Tell clients to find pre-surgical instructions and discharge instructions at the same place on the website.

Tell clients that all cats will need to be in a warm shelter for 36 hours after surgery. This is especially important during cold weather.

Thank client for spaying/neutering.

2nd client communication approx. 1 week prior to clinic:

Remind client on date/time/location they are scheduled.

Ask the client to contact you ASAP if they need to cancel as there is a waiting list.

Suggest a frontline treatment for fleas prior to the appointment as some of the cats come from the outdoors and may expose the others to fleas.

3rd client communication day before clinic:

Remind clients of check-in time.

Give specific instructions on where to bring cats, i.e. "ring door bell and I will meet you" or "walk into house, the front door off the porch will be open and I will be waiting for you".

Remind clients to bring "New Client Form" with them.

Ask clients to make sure carriers are clean and labeled with their name (masking tape and sharpie works well).

Tell the client to only send old towels with cats and that any soiled towel/blanket will be thrown in garbage and not returned to client.

Remind clients that only cash and certified check is accepted.

Remind clients to remove food after midnight and refer to pre-surgical instructions on website for more details.

Remind clients that outdoor cats will need to be in a warm shelter for 36 hours following surgery.

Ask if they have any last questions.

Day of Purple Cat clinic:

Dr. Angie and her technician(s) will arrive at your location between 8 and 9 am. It will take 30 minutes to set up for surgery. Surgeries will start right away after set up is complete and continue until all are finished. Usually, surgeries are completed between 5 and 6 pm. Dr. Angie and her technician will take a 15 minute break for lunch around 1pm.

Surgeries usually take place in a small trailer set up to be a surgery suite. The cats will be rotated in and out of the trailer by a volunteer than you provide.

If your facility has a clean and minimally furnished room inside the building, Dr. Ruppel may opt to have the clinic there. With this set-up, all equipment and supplies will be brought into the building when she arrives that morning.

You will need one or two volunteers to check in patients. At check in you will confirm pre-surgical instructions have been met, collect completed "New Client Form", collect payment in cash or certified check, and discuss plan/time of discharge.

Cats will do best if you cover each carrier with a towel sprayed with Feliway.

It is expected that there will be at least 12 cats waiting in cat carriers when Dr. Angie arrives the morning of the clinic. There should be another 12 cats getting ready to load into carriers. This is especially important when all the cats are coming from the same location such as a humane society or large colony of cats. When the cats are not ready in carriers to load into the trailer, valuable surgery time is wasted. This is an important area where a volunteer or two will be necessary.

Cats will need to be in a CLEAN cat carrier or live trap. One cat per carrier. It is very important that the carriers, inside and out, have been cleaned so as not to contaminate the surgery suite.

Carriers should be labeled with the owner's name and the cats name.

Additionally, Dr. Ruppel will provide you with Purple Cat labels to fill out and place on the carriers. These labels are used as a second layer of insurance that we perform the correct services on the pet. We do not want to accidentally ear tip a companion inside cat!

Blankets or towels can be placed into the carrier. However, if the blankets get soiled by urine or feces, they will be thrown away in the garbage and not returned.

Cats may be exposed to fleas and upper respiratory infections. If possible, it is recommended to place a topical flea treatment. Frontline is best and can be purchased over the counter without a prescription. Additionally, a distemper vaccine will help prevent contagious upper respiratory infections. This vaccine needs to be give at least 2 weeks prior to exposure for it to work.

Cats can go home anytime starting 2 hours after their surgery is completed. A volunteer that you provide will be needed to discharge the cats. Most clinics find it easiest to discharge in waves throughout the day instead of doing them all at 7pm. If discharging throughout the day, the volunteer

in charge of discharges will be responsible for knowing which cats are finished and can go home at what time.

After surgery discharge instructions can be found on the www.purplecatvet.com website under "forms". Every client should go home with a paper copy of these discharge instructions and the volunteer doing discharges should be comfortable going through the discharge instructions with the client.

On the surgery discharge instructions, Dr. Angie's personal cell phone number is listed. If clients have any concerns about the health of their cat in the first few days after surgery, it is important to Dr. Angie that clients communicate their concern with her. They should not hesitate to call or text. Important reasons to call include lack of appetite, low activity or vomiting. Please inform every client of this when they pick up their cat after surgery.

Once surgeries are completed, Dr. Angie or her technician will walk through the recovery area and verify that all cats are awake after surgery. Those still sleeping will receive a reversal drug by injection. After this walk through, Dr. Angie will collect payment and give a receipt if requested.