

CatTails Feline Health Center, P.C. CPR or DNR Informational Handout

CatTails Feline Health Center is committed to providing patients with state-of-the-art care that considers the quality as well as the longevity of your cat's life. For patients experiencing advanced disease, advanced age, multiple disease processes, or a disease considered to be terminal, it's appropriate to decide in advance whether aggressive measures of resuscitation (**CPR**) will be employed if needed.

Resuscitation (**CPR**) of a collapsed or unconscious patient is tailored to meet the needs of the individual but may include any or all of the following:

- Establishing an airway via insertion of an endotracheal tube and administration of oxygen or medications through the tube
- Establishing intravenous access via insertion of an intravenous catheter and administration of fluids and injectable medications through the catheter
- Intracardiac delivery of injectable medications
- Chest compressions and assisted breathing

Animals that have survived cardiopulmonary arrest and have been successfully resuscitated (**CPR**) are extremely critical and unstable. Management of the post-arrest patient requires vigilant monitoring and the technical expertise of dedicated critical care personnel. This care is costly and the outcome is uncertain.

If you elect **CPR** for your pet, you will be agreeing to the following conditions:

1. I understand that the anesthetic, surgical, or therapeutic procedures and treatments my cat is undergoing may involve the risk of complications, injury, or even death, from both known and unknown causes. No warranty or guarantee has either been expressed or implied as to the result or cure. Hereby, I expressly agree to release CatTails Feline Health Center, and its agents and representatives, from liability for any and all damages to my pet and agree to hold CatTails FHC, its agents and representatives, harmless from any liability associated with the procedure and treatments being performed on my cat.
2. I accept that if the hospital staff is unable to reach me within 20 minutes after the initiation of **CPR** procedures, and, after exercising reasonable medical judgment, determine that there is no hope for success, the staff will cease further **CPR** procedures. I understand that despite the best efforts of the veterinarians and staff at this facility, even successful **CPR** that might restore my pet's life may not allow for my pet to regain his/her normal mental and physical health.
3. If I request such emergency procedures, I agree to be held responsible for veterinary services provided to my pet while staff members pursue treatment and try to reach me for further directions. Regardless of my pet's recovery or survival, I agree to pay **CPR** fees which may be in excess of \$500, in addition to other fees already identified by the practice and agreed upon by me.

DNR means "Do Not Resuscitate". This is a decision that **CPR** will not be performed in the event that the patient stops breathing, has no heartbeat, collapses, or becomes unconscious.

If you elect **DNR** for your pet, you will be agreeing to the following conditions:

I understand that if my pet suffers from cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, collapse or unconsciousness, if **CPR** is not performed, my pet will not survive.