



HOME CARE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND DISCHARGE INFORMATION



When your cat goes home, radiation will still be found at low levels in your cat's thyroid glands, as well as the urine and feces being excreted. For the **2 weeks** after your cat's release you will need to follow a specific set of guidelines to ensure the safety of your family.

1. The State of Alabama requires that your cat be released in a carrier. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. At home, the litter box must be kept away from occupied areas. Be sure to clean/scoop at least twice daily.
3. Wear disposable latex gloves when handling soiled litter and dispose after each use. Always wash hands after handling litter or cat. See your 2 options for waste disposal below.

Option 1: Scoop and Store Method:

- Litter must be scooped and stored separately for 4 weeks AFTER the 2 week restrictive period (Store litter for 6 weeks).
- Wearing disposable latex gloves scoop the litter box at least twice daily, collecting in plastic or paper bags.
- The bag with soiled litter is then placed in a double lined trash container in a garage, and stored for 6 weeks before disposing with regular trash for pick-up.
- Wash hands.

Option 2: Flush Method:

- Use a flushable litter (we recommend sWheat Scoop) for the entire 2 week restrictive period
 - Wearing disposable latex gloves. Scoop the litter box at least twice daily.
 - Always flush twice to ensure entire product has gone down the drain.
 - Wash hands.
4. Pregnant women or children should not handle treated cats or their litter. Contact with other pets in the household is fine. Other cats may share the litter box, but use caution if you have a dog that likes "litter box treats".
 5. If your cat vomits, urinates or defecates outside of the litter box, wear disposable gloves to clean up. Discard all waste into separate container and hold for 4 weeks before putting into regular trash.
 6. Avoid prolonged contact, especially chest to chest. 10 minutes of playtime or petting twice daily is fine for the first week, increasing to 20 minutes for the second week. No sleeping in bed with you for the full two weeks! Always wash hands after contact.
 7. Indoor/outdoor cats need to be kept strictly indoors for the full 2 weeks to ensure the radioactive wastes (urine/feces) is not left outside. After the 2 weeks, your cat is completely safe and can go back to his/her normal routine.

If the above cannot be followed, we recommend boarding your cat with us for the next 2 weeks. These precautions are intended to keep your family safe. Following these guidelines ensure there is no risk to anyone. Thank you for entrusting the ACATS with your cat's health.