



Spay & Neuter Pre-Surgery Instructions

Pets need to be 8 weeks of age and weight 2 pounds for surgery.

We offer CAT spay/neuter surgeries for free, including age-appropriate vaccinations (rabies and distemper vaccines). No qualifications are required to qualify for free cat spay/neuter surgeries.

We offer DOG spay/neuter surgeries for patrons who qualify for \$50, including age appropriate vaccines (rabies and distemper vaccines). To qualify, please bring one of the following low-income qualifying documents when you check in:

- Quest or EBT card
- Paycheck stub (showing income of no more than \$769 per paycheck)
- Income-tax return form (showing income of no more than \$40,000 per year)
- Unemployment check stub (with current date)
- Medicaid card
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ID or letter
- FDPIR
- WIC

We do not take animals over 8 years old without recent blood work and we do not accept any animal that has a heart murmur.

We accept cash, check or charge for payment. Donations greatly appreciated.

Preparation for the Surgery

Feeding and Care

- Although it is not required, you are urged to have your pets seen by a veterinarian in advance of the clinic to rule out any health problems that would make surgery unadvisable. We do not perform extensive pre-surgical examinations or blood analysis. If your pet has any medical issues (such as kidney, liver or heart problems) or is older than 7 years, there are increased risks associated with any operation. Animals 8 years of age & older with normal pre-anesthetic blood work, including BUN, CREAT, ALT, ALKP and CBC from their veterinarian may be considered for surgery. Please note that if for any reason we determine that spay/neuter surgery at our clinic would not be appropriate, we will not accept your pet for the procedure. You will be urged to see your own veterinarian.

- Do not feed adult animals after midnight the evening before surgery. If they are kittens or puppies under 6 months of age, feed them as normal. Water is ok for all ages.

Order of Service and Check-in

- We operate on a first-come, first-served basis and do NOT offer appointments.
- Bring your pet(s) at 7:30 a.m. the day of the clinic. *Dress appropriately for the weather since check-in is outdoors.*
- Wait time and check-in time can be anywhere from 15 minutes to one hour, so please allow for that in your schedule. You will be given an estimated pick-up time for later that same day when you drop off your pet.
- The number of females and males we can take in varies at each clinic. Please note that this may mean that a person's pet in line behind you could receive surgery even if yours does not because we have reached our daily limit of females or males. In this case, you will receive a rain check.

How to Transport Your Pet

- Cats must be in carriers or other secure containers. *Please leave your cat(s) in your vehicle during check-in.* You can bring up to four cats per household. Separate carriers for each cat are preferable and should include a familiar towel or blanket.
- Dogs must come on a leash. No exceptions are permitted. There is a limit of three dogs per household. To keep dogs and handlers safe, please NO SPIKED, DECORATIVE COLLARS.

Bringing Multiple Animals

- Most days we are able to help multiple animals from the same household. However, on busier days, you may be asked to return another time to have your additional pets' surgeries performed. We try to accommodate as many patrons as we can. Trap-neuter-return (TNR) cats will take priority during check-in, and will be spayed/

neutered as soon as possible. Although we make efforts to schedule TNR cats in advance with colony caretakers, sometimes their arrival is difficult to predict due to the challenges of trapping community cats. We appreciate your patience as we assist colony caretakers in spaying/neutering unowned cats.

Post-surgery Medical Care

- Generally speaking, post-surgery veterinary care is not necessary. However, if a problem occurs that requires medical attention, patrons of the mobile clinics are advised to call our in-house Return for Treatment line at 720-241-7100.
- Please see the *Spay & Neuter Post-Surgery Home Care Instructions* for more detailed information on caring for your pet after surgery.