

ANIMALSAVE'S LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **No Food After Midnight** the night before surgery. If you feed after midnight, we will not be able to perform surgery because it is possible the animal will vomit during surgery. Water is OK, but no food. Limit the amount of water you give in the morning so your pet doesn't have a full bladder. Young animals under four months of age need to keep their blood sugar up and can have a light breakfast **before 7:30 am** the morning of surgery. Kittens: **1 teaspoon canned** cat food
Puppies: **1 tablespoon canned** dog food.
2. **Check-in time** is between 8:30 and 9:30 am. Pets are usually ready to be picked up
3. between 3:30 and 4:00 in the afternoon. We will tell you a specific time the day of surgery. It is important that you are able to be on time for pickup. We do a group post-operative discussion – if you're late, the group has to wait. Please make sure you can return at the time indicated.
4. If you are using a voucher, please bring it with you the day of surgery. If it has expired, it will not be accepted and you must pay the full cost.
5. To ensure the safety and comfort of your pet and others, **leave your pet in your vehicle** (with the windows lowered if the weather is hot) until you have completed admission forms and we are ready to bring your pet on-board the van. We bring animals on one at a time in order to get their weight, temperature and check to make sure they are good surgery candidates. If you arrive at check-in with your animal, you will be asked to return it to your vehicle. Please wait until you are asked to bring your pet in.
6. If your pet has fleas or ticks, please give it a flea/tick treatment a week before surgery so we do not contaminate the van. If we need to provide treatment, you will be charged an extra fee.
7. If your pet has been ill, sneezing or coughing, has been vomiting or had diarrhea, please call (530) 559-8483 to confirm whether or not you should bring it in for surgery. We do not want other animals to be at risk and do not want to put extra stress on your pet.
8. Your pet needs to be reasonably clean in order to do surgery. Remember that you will not be able to bathe your pet for two-weeks following surgery.
9. You will need to be able to provide **post-op care**. You cannot take your pet home and turn it loose. We will go provide detailed post-op instructions when you pick your pet up; but be aware that you will need to be able to keep your pet confined indoors in a quiet, warm place and kept away from other animals and children for at least 24 hours. You will need to check the incision site twice a day watching for swelling, discharge or redness. You will need to ensure that your pet does not lick or rub the incision area. Dogs will need to be leash walked and not allowed strenuous activity for 7 to 10 days following surgery.
10. **If you are unable to keep your appointment** or need to reschedule, please call **530-559-8483 As Soon As Possible**. No-shows cost money and we want to be able to fill the appointment slot. If you cancel with less than 48-hours notice or are a no-show the day of surgery, a \$20.00 rescheduling fee will be added if you wish to reschedule. Please help us make the best use of our limited funds by keeping your appointment. No fees will be waived or reduced. If you have additional questions, please call (530) 559-8483 and leave a message.

DOGS

For our safety and that of your dog, it must be on a well-fitting collar and leash.

Dogs will **not** be sent home in the back of an open truck bed.

The weight limit for dogs is less than 80 pounds. If you estimate the weight of your dog at 80 pounds and the dog weighs more, there will be an additional charge or we may refuse to do surgery, depending on the health of the dog.

Dogs older than 7 years of age, obese dogs, or dogs who are not in good health are a greater risk for surgery and take more time. These dogs should be seen by their regular veterinarian.

CATS

Cats must be brought in a CLEAN, secure cat carrier. Kittens must weigh at least 2 pounds.

Feral cats must be in cat traps in order for us to handle them safely. We can provide traps and trapping instructions if needed.

Thanks for not littering!

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