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Pet Adoption Center

Serving Since 1897

# PRE OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

## Spay/Neuter Appointments:

- Surgeries are by appointment only. If you do not have an appointment, we cannot provide services. You may visit our website, <http://www.petsadoption.org>, in advance to book an appointment. We do not schedule appointments over the phone or in person. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm. We perform surgeries Tuesday thru Thursday.

## Night before surgery:

- If your pet is **OVER** 5 months old or **OVER** 10 pounds, take food away after midnight the night before surgery. **It is okay to give water.**
- If your pet is **LESS** than 4 months old or **LESS** than 5 pounds, he or she may have food and water overnight and a light meal (1/4 of normal breakfast) no later than 6:00am – remember the exact time you feed your pet, you will need to know at check-in.

## Surgery day:

- For your dog's comfort, please give him/her a walk before you arrive at the clinic.
- Dogs **MUST** be on a leash and collar or in a carrier.
- Cats **MUST** be in a carrier when brought to our clinic. If you do not have a carrier, one can be purchased at our clinic or at the pet adoption center pet store prior to your scheduled appointment.
- Prepare to be here up to 2 hours to check in with the doctor to go over patient's history.
- All pets need sufficient recovery time before going home. Usually pets are ready to be picked up between 5-5:30 pm.

## Ferals

- We only accept 10 ferals per day (only 2 cats per person per day).
- If you are bringing more than one cat, they must be in separate traps.
- All feral cats must arrive in a humane trap, one cat per trap. The inside of the trap **MUST** be lined with newspaper while the outside remains covered with a sheet or towel from the time the cat is trapped until the time it is brought to the clinic - This practice helps keep cats calm and comfortable. If more than one cat is in the trap, you must bring a separate trap or carrier upon drop off so the cats can be separated for recovery.
- Humane traps are available to rent from the clinic for a maximum of two weeks. Rental fee is 5\$/per day or \$20/per week plus a \$75 deposit that will be refunded when the trap is returned.

## Pick-Up Instructions

- Pick up for cats and dogs is same day around **5:00pm-5:30pm**. You will be notified if your pet is ready for pick-up sooner or later than 5:00pm-5:30pm.
- **If pet(s) are not picked up by 5:30pm, a late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed.**  
**There is no overnight staff at our clinic – we do not have the resources to provide boarding.**
- When you pick up, you will be given instructions on how to care for your pet after surgery. These instructions are also available on our website at [petsadoption.org](http://petsadoption.org)