



## Pre Operative Instructions

If your dog or cat is scheduled for sterilization, please follow these instructions before surgery:

**Heartworm Prevention:** Heartworm prevention should be administered as normal, regardless of the surgery date.

**Nursing Animals:** Be sure that lactating animals do not nurse for at least 2 weeks before the day of their surgery. Puppies and kittens should be between 6 and 8 weeks of age and eating and drinking on their own prior to spaying adult females.

### DAY BEFORE SURGERY

**Food** Withhold food from adult surgery patients after midnight the night before surgery, and do not give any food the morning of surgery.

**Animals Under 4 Months of Age:** Withhold food after 10 p.m. the night before surgery but give half the normal amount of food and water the morning of surgery.

### DAY OF SURGERY

**On the day of surgery,** drop-off time is between 7am and 8am. Expect a 1 hour wait, as all the animals scheduled for surgery that day are checked in according to the order in which they arrive.

All dogs must be restrained by a leash (nylon or leather only, no retractable leashes), or in a carrier. Cats must be in a carrier.

No appointment is necessary for feral cats. Please bring them in a humane trap, only one cat per trap is permitted. All feral cats will have the tip of their left ear notched while under anesthesia. All feral cats must arrive in a humane box trap. Do not attempt to move a captured feral cat from a trap to a carrier. We will not accept feral cats in carriers for surgery.

Pick-up time is between 3:30 pm and 4 pm for dogs, 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm for cats. Expect to spend one hour for pick-up. You will be given post-op instructions by one of our veterinary technicians

Please contact us 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment.

If your pet has a current rabies vaccination, please bring the paper certificate with you. Otherwise, we are required by law to give a rabies vaccination, at an additional cost.

Payment must be made when services are rendered. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, cash and personal checks. Free services are not available at the clinic.