

Spay and Neuter Clinic Policies

It is our goal at the Santa Barbara Humane Society that every pet have a good anesthetic outcome. For that reason, if the veterinarian performing surgery feels your pet may have anesthetic complications due to age, obesity, heart disease, severe skin infection, etc., your pet's surgery may be cancelled or rescheduled.

Please notify us when scheduling if your dog has known aggression issues so that we can schedule appropriately. Feral (or unable to handle) cats should be brought into the clinic in a live trap. Our staff will do our best to safely work with all patients regardless of temperament, however if the patient presents an undue risk to itself or our staff, surgery may be cancelled.

Please place a towel in the bottom of your cat's carrier to help keep your cat warm and prevent from getting wet if the cat urinates in the carrier. All cats must have their own carrier when leaving the clinic after surgery.

Spay and Neuter Pre-Surgical Instructions

- Please do not feed your dog or cat any food (including table scraps, treats, bones, etc.) after midnight the night before surgery
- Water is fine to be given at all times
- Please bring your pet to the clinic between 8:00 – 8:15 AM the morning of your appointment. Pick-up time varies depending on the day from 2:00 – 4:00 that afternoon.
- Please allow enough time for checking - in your pet (normally 10 - 30 minutes). If you are not the immediate owner of the pet, please make sure you have the owner's complete contact information and know the health history of the pet.
- If your pet needs a microchip or vaccinations, we can administer them on the day of surgery at a reasonable charge.
- Please make sure all cats are in a secure carrier and all dogs are on leashes or in carriers.
- Please walk all dogs prior to arrival to give them a chance to relieve themselves.