

## Stratford Perth Humane Society Spay Neuter Clinic Eligibility Requirements

The Stratford Perth Humane Society would like to thank you for your interest in having your pet spayed or neutered. The Spay Neuter Clinic is a high-volume, high-quality spay-neuter (HVHQSN) clinic. This type of clinic is designed to provide means to control pet overpopulation using efficient surgical procedures, while still offering a high standard of medical care. Due to the nature of these procedures, the HVHQSN service is not appropriate for all patient types, as we may not be able to provide the extra level of attention or care required by these animals. For more information about how our clinic differs from your local veterinary clinic, please see our FAQs.

Please read the following information to see if your pet qualifies for services at our Spay Neuter Clinic.

## Animals that ARE eligible for spay-neuter services:

- Healthy adult cats under 7 years of age
- Healthy kittens that are over four months of age
- Female cats that are in heat, or healthy pregnant cats

## Animals that are NOT eligible for spay-neuter services:

- Animals under 4 months of age or over 7 years of age
- Unhealthy animals, or animals demonstrating any signs of contagious illness
- Very overweight (obese) or underweight pets (Body condition scores 1-2/9 or 8-9/9)
  - o If you are unsure if your pet is an appropriate body weight, please contact us to discuss
- Nursing cats
- Animals under six months of age with retained testicles (over 6 months of age may be done at the veterinarian's discretion with an additional fee)
- Short ("smushed") faced brachycephalic cat breeds including but not limited to Persian or Himalayan.

## **Special Considerations:**

- Animals with certain medical conditions are not ideal for HVHQSN services. If your cat has a medical condition
  we strongly recommend you speak to your veterinarian about these concerns prior to applying for our services.
- FIV and feline leukemia positive cats will be considered if in good health