



Stratford Perth Humane Society Spay Neuter Clinic Pre-operative Instructions for Owners

The Stratford Perth Humane Society would like to thank you for having your pet spayed or neutered. Please read the following information to ensure both you and your pet are prepared for their appointment at our clinic. Please contact us if you have any questions, or refer to our FAQs.

Administration

Appointments are scheduled ahead of time; walk-ins are not accepted.

Pet Health and Condition

All patients must be healthy with no signs of illness at the time of their appointment. Please notify us if you have any concerns about your pet's health since it was last seen by a veterinarian, or if your pet is not feeling well the morning of surgery. Surgery may be postponed if there are health concerns. If your pet is on a long term medication for any health concerns please notify us ahead of time.

The Night Before Surgery

Please do not feed your pet after their evening meal the night before surgery. It is okay to leave water accessible, but no food including treats should be given the morning of surgery.

The Morning of Your Appointment

Drop off time is **8:00am-8:30am for females** and between **8:30am-9:00am for male cats**. Pets arriving later than this scheduled time may not be able to have surgery that day. Your cat must arrive in an appropriate sized cat carrier.

Pick Up

We will NOT contact you to pick up your pet. Pick up for **female cats is between 3:15pm-3:45pm** and for **male cats 3:30-4:00pm** NO EXCEPTIONS. When you arrive you will receive both verbal and written post-operative instructions, as well as any pain medications your pet will need. Your pet may still be a bit groggy from their procedure, please ensure they go straight home to a safe, warm and dry area.

We do not offer over night housing.

What to Expect

All female cats are recommended to wear an Elizabethan collar ("cone") of appropriate size after their surgery – you can provide your own, or one can be purchased from us for a cost of \$12.50. Please notify us when you book your appointment or at drop off if you would like to purchase one. We will not be responsible for post-operative complications relating to the incision if an appropriate E-collar is not worn. All patients will have a microchip placed near their shoulder blades and a small tattoo placed near their incision as a means of permanent identification, please see our FAQs for more information. Any patient found to have evidence of fleas/earmites at time of surgery will have one dose of flea medication administered and will be charged a \$15.00 fee.



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Vaccines

We strongly recommend that you ensure your pet is up to date on vaccines prior to their surgery appointment. Vaccinations require a minimum of two weeks in order to be protective. While we do offer vaccination services at the time of surgery for an additional fee, any vaccination given within two weeks of your appointment or at the time of surgery is unlikely to offer any protection against infectious agents that your pet may be exposed to during their stay at the clinic. We will not be responsible for the cost of any treatment required due to exposure to contagious illness. If your pet is up to date on vaccinations, please bring a record with you to your appointment.