



Animal Protective Foundation  
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## Community Spay/Neuter Clinic - Before Surgery Care Instructions

***Appointment for:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Drop off Time: 8-8:30am Pick up Time: 4pm***

### REMINDERS FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Check in begins at **8:00am for cats** and **8:15am for dogs**. Please note the clinic does not open doors until 8:00am.
- **Dogs must be kept out of the lobby until our vet is ready for them to come in the building.**
- Payment is due in full on the day of surgery, we do not bill. We do not accept checks for payment, only cash or credit cards.
- Dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier.
- Cats must be in a carrier and only one cat per carrier.
- If you do not have a carrier we do sell cardboard carriers at the clinic for \$5.00.
- If your pet has had a rabies vaccine you must bring the rabies certificate, or a rabies vaccine will be given at a cost of \$10.00 on the day of surgery. Proof of rabies must be in the form of a rabies certificate; we cannot use the rabies tag as proof. It is a state law that all dogs and cats must be current on their rabies vaccines.
- If you are receiving income qualified rates be sure to bring proof of your benefit and a photo id. Valid New York State Benefit ID card. If you are receiving food stamps, Medicaid/ Social Security, Disability or HEAP assistance please bring in a NYS benefit card, award letter or bank statement indicating your assistance.
- The clinic is located at 53 Maple Avenue. If you use **GPS or MapQuest** to get to the clinic, please use **Schenectady** for the city or our zip code 12302 (**not Scotia**).

## Before Surgery Instructions

Congratulations on your decision to spay or neuter your pet! What follows are instructions for preparing your pet for surgery. Please follow them carefully. Pets that are not properly prepared for surgery may not be able to have surgery as scheduled.

### What You Need to Know Before Surgery

- **Animals must be in good health.** If your pet is showing any signs of illness such as coughing, sneezing, runny eyes or diarrhea he or she may be declined for surgery. See your regular veterinarian for care first, and then reschedule surgery when your pet is healthy.
- **Our veterinarians require that your DOG be vaccinated for distemper/parvo (DA2PP) two weeks prior to surgery (if not already up to date).** Your animal will be around a lot of other animals and could be exposed to something (just like when you send your kids to school). It takes two weeks for a vaccination to become fully effective. We can administer vaccination two to three weeks prior to your appointment at a cost of \$10.
- **New York State requires that all animals be vaccinated for rabies.** If your pet has a current rabies vaccination, you will need to bring the certificate to your appointment as proof (rabies tags alone will not be accepted as proof). If you do not provide proof, we are required to administer rabies for an additional cost of \$10 to the owner on the day of surgery.
- Kittens must be 12 weeks of age and weigh at least 3 pounds and puppies must be 12 weeks of age AND weigh at least 4 pounds. **Dogs over 4 months of age must weigh 5 pounds.**

### What You Need to Do the Night Before Your Appointment

- **Keep your pet safely inside** your home.
- Water should be available at all times. Feed normal amount of food in the evening.
- **If your animal is over 4 months old**, please feed  $\frac{1}{4}$  of his/ her normal morning meal.
- **If your animal is less than 4 months old**, please feed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his/ her normal morning meal.

### What to Do When You Arrive at the Clinic

- **For your dog's comfort, please give him a good walk** before you arrive at the Community Spay/Neuter Clinic.
- Please let us know how much and at what time your pet ate this morning.
- **Drop your pet off at the clinic in the morning beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Anyone arriving after 8:30 am will not have surgery and will need to be rescheduled.

- **Payment is due in full at drop-off. We do not bill.** We accept cash, Visa, MasterCard, and debit cards. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT CHECKS AS PAYMENT.**
- **The Spay/Neuter Clinic entrance is located on the right side of the APF shelter** at 53 Maple Avenue Schenectady, NY 12302. The shelter is closed in the morning and the doors will be locked. Please come to the Spay/Neuter Clinic entrance.
- **Please Note: dogs must remain out of the lobby** until you have completed the admission process. We can only check in one dog at a time.
- You must **complete the necessary paperwork upon arrival.** Our paperwork is a three-part carbonless form; it cannot be faxed or e-mailed.
- For the safety of your pet and our staff, all pets must be safely restrained. **All cats are required to be in an individual plastic or cardboard cat carrier** at time of drop off. One cat per carrier. If not, a \$5 cardboard carrier fee will be charged for each cat needing a separate carrier. **All feral cats/kittens must be brought in a humane Have-A-Hart trap** that is covered with a sheet or towel. **One cat per trap. All dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier.**

Thank you for having your pet spayed or neutered by the APF Community Spay/Neuter clinic.

The APF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on support and donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. These funds enable us to provide animal clinic and shelter services in our community. To make your donation, please call (518) 374-3944 ext. 115, or go to our website and click the “donate” button. [www.animalprotective.org](http://www.animalprotective.org). *Thank you!*

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