

ANIMALSAVE'S LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **No Food After Midnight**, the night before surgery. If you feed after midnight, we will not be able to perform surgery because it is possible the animal will vomit during surgery. Water is OK, but no food. Young animals under four months of age need to keep their blood sugar up and can have a little canned food before 7:00 the morning of surgery. Kittens: **1 teaspoon canned** cat food
Puppies: **1 tablespoon canned** dog food.
2. **Check-in time: 8:00 AM.** AnimalSave Center, 520 East Main Street, Grass Valley. **Park** in the south parking lot at AnimalSave. Pets are usually ready to be picked up between 3:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon. We'll give you a specific time the day of surgery. It's important that you're able to be on time for pickup. We hold a group post-operative discussion – if you're late, the group has to wait. Please make sure you can return at the time indicated.
3. To ensure the safety and comfort of your pet and others, **leave your pet in your vehicle** (with the windows lowered if the weather is hot) until you have completed admission forms and we begin taking animals in. We bring animals in one at a time in order to get their weight, temperature and check to make sure they are good surgery candidates. If you arrive at check-in with your animal, you will be asked to return it to your vehicle.
4. If your pet has fleas or ticks, please give it a flea/tick treatment a week before surgery so we do not contaminate the clinic. If we need to provide treatment, you will be charged an extra fee.
5. If your pet has been ill, sneezing or coughing, has been vomiting or had diarrhea, please call (530) 559-8483 to confirm whether or not you should bring it in for surgery. We do not want other animals to be at risk and do not want to put extra stress on your pet.
6. Your pet needs to be reasonably clean in order to do surgery. Remember that you will not be able to bathe your pet for two-weeks following surgery.
7. You'll need to be able to provide **post-op care**. We'll provide detailed post-op instructions when you pick your pet up; but be aware that you'll need to be able to keep your pet confined indoors in a quiet, warm place and kept away from other animals and children for at least 24 hours. You'll need to check the incision site twice a day watching for swelling, discharge or redness. You'll need to ensure that your pet does not lick or rub the incision area. Dogs will need to be leash walked and not allowed strenuous activity for 10 to 14 days following surgery.
8. **If you are unable to keep your appointment** or need to reschedule, please call **530-559-8483 As Soon As Possible**. No-shows cost money and we want to be able to fill the appointment slot. Remember, we do not reschedule appointments.

DOGS

For our safety and that of your dog, it must be on a well-fitting collar (leather or nylon only) and leash. Dogs will **not** be sent home in the back of an open truck bed. Dogs older than 5 years of age, obese dogs, or dogs who are not in good health are a greater risk for surgery and we recommend lab work prior to surgery.

CATS

Cats must be in a CLEAN, secure cat carrier. We will not take cats in dirty carriers or cardboard boxes, laundry baskets, paper bags, etc. Kittens must weigh at least 2 pounds.

Feral cats must be in cat traps in order for us to handle them safely. We can provide traps and trapping instructions if needed.

We reserve the right to refuse surgery for animals we determine to have conditions that pose a greater risk.

AnimalSave Spay/Neuter Clinic 520 East Main Street, Grass Valley 530-559-8483

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