

We're glad you have decided to have your pet spayed or neutered at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League! In addition to helping to reduce the number of unwanted pets born in our community, you are also helping your pet live a longer, happier life.

Did you know?

- Spayed/neutered animals live an average of two to three years longer than other pets.
- Spayed and neutered pets will never develop testicular, uterine, or ovarian cancers.
- Spaying and neutering pets reduces undesirable behaviors, such as urine spraying in cats and marking with urine in dogs.
- Pets tend to have fewer aggression-related behavior problems after being surgically sterilized.

Pre- Surgical Instructions:

Fosters: If your pet is two months old, please give them half their normal amount of food on the morning before surgery.

Public/ Private owned pets: Do not feed him or her any food after midnight the night before surgery.

Do not take water away from your pet; make sure he has access to clean, fresh water always.

Our ultimate goal is provide the absolute best care for your pet and make them feel as comfortable as possible while they are away from home.

All pets receive a pre-surgical physical examination to determine that they are fit for surgery. If our surgeons feel your pet is not a candidate for surgery, they will cancel and inform you of your options at that time.

We will not alter exotic breeds of dogs and cats. If our staff identifies your pet as exotic (this includes but is not limited to Wolf hybrids, Bengals, Sphynx, etc.) your surgery will be cancelled, and you will be advised to follow up with your personal veterinarian.

In addition to an examination, we require pre-surgical blood work for all patients **5 years and older.**

Dobermans and Doberman mixes are required to have special pre-surgical blood work which may help identify a clotting issue.

If we observe any abnormalities on the day of surgery, you will be contacted immediately by clinicadmin@peggyadams.org

We use the best anesthesia agents available and are advancing our anesthetic protocols and techniques constantly. All patients will receive an anesthetic along with an analgesic (pain medication), and in some cases additional analgesics are also available.

All surgical procedures are performed with sterile instruments and gloves and each patient receives their own individual sterile packs. Surgical vital sign monitoring is used routinely to ensure the utmost safety during all procedures.

***** Palm Beach County Ordinance 98-22 requires cats to be spayed or neutered and micro-chipped by four months of age unless medically contraindicated.**

The morning of surgery: please, arrive promptly at the clinic between 8-9am.

Our staff will review your information to include

Name, Address, & Pet's information.

Please take time to *initial and authorize where indicated* (failure to do so may result in cancellation of your pet's surgery).

* Exercise your dog the morning of to encourage bowel movements prior to surgery.

If you have a cat, bring her in a secure carrier and each pet must be in its own secure carrier. Please utilize pet approved carriers.

If you have a dog, be sure he is on a secure leash or harness that he cannot slip out.

If you drive a pick-up truck, please note that we are not allowed to release a pet that is not put inside the cab or into a secured crate in the back.

This is for your pet's safety and the safety of other drivers as your pet is very likely to be disoriented after surgery.

FAQ:

My cat can be shy and is difficult to get in a carrier before my appointment:

A: We advise you put your cat in a bathroom the night before, so he doesn't have a place to escape the morning of surgery.

I need to cancel my appointment.

A: Email clinicadmin@peggyadams.org to give us the courtesy to know you won't make it, and we will help you reschedule your appointment.

Post-surgical Care Instructions

Pet's activity should be limited for 10 days after surgery.

No running, jumping, swimming, or significant activity, to include rough housing with other pets or people. Dogs must be leash walked.

Excessive activity can cause sutures to come out prematurely causing the surgical wound to open, become infected, or even cause swelling of the surgical site.

We strongly recommend you purchase an E-collar to prevent chewing or licking at the incision site. Keep the collar on for 7-10 days.

Most incisions are closed with either absorbable stitches or tissue glue. It may take up to 8 weeks for sutures to absorb.

In certain cases, the surgeon may choose to use non-absorbable stitches in which they will indicate the need to be removed in 10 days. Male cats do not have stitches.

All pets will have a shaved abdomen where a **GREEN Tattoo** has been placed. Males will also have a shaved abdomen and a **GREEN Tattoo** will be placed in that area. This indicates that the pet has been sterilized.

Spaying and neutering are normally very safe surgeries; however, if you have an emergency after hours call 561-345-5621. **This is an emergency phone line for after 5 pm Monday-Saturday and Sunday (all day).**

Please call immediately if there is bleeding, bruising, lethargy, or an open incision.

If you have a concern during normal business hours please call the main line 561-686-3663 ext. 145, or ext. 168 or email clinicadmin@peggyadams.org

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