

Pre-Op Instructions



Before Surgery

1. North Carolina law requires that all dogs and cats that are fixed have a current rabies shot. This is a mandatory vaccine. If your pet does have a rabies vaccine, please bring proof in the form of a certificate or the paperwork that you received from your veterinarian. We also recommend distemper for dogs and cats. If your pet does not have a current vaccination we can provide it the day of surgery (each shot is \$10) or the vaccines can be given by your veterinarian prior to your appointment. (If possible, we recommend that you have your dog or cat vaccinated 2 weeks prior to surgery as this provides the optimum protection from those diseases.) We must have written documentation of the rabies vaccine (we cannot use your pet's rabies tag).
2. All adult animals must have food withdrawn the night before surgery at 12:00 a.m. Animals four months or younger may have food until 6 a.m. the morning of surgery. Your pet should be allowed access to fresh water until the morning of his or her scheduled surgery.
3. Check in time is 7:30 a.m. If you arrive after 8:00 a.m. we MAY not be able to admit your pet for surgery – we will ask you to reschedule your appointment. We have a very strict surgical schedule that must be followed.
4. Please leave your dog in the car while you check in and fill out the surgical release. Cats in carriers may be brought into the clinic during check-in. A technician will advise you when to get your pet. You must complete the necessary admission form when you arrive. This usually takes just a few minutes to complete.
5. All dogs must be on a leash. All cats must be in a cat carrier (only one cat per carrier). If you are bringing in a feral cat, the admittance policy for feral cats can be found on our website.
<http://www.spayneutercharlotte.org/public/uploads/SNCFeralCatPolicies.pdf>
6. We accept all forms of payment EXCEPT checks and Care Credit.
7. PICK UP TIMES: Dog pick up is at 3:00
Charlotte Cat Pick Up is the next day at 7:30 a.m.
Pineville Cat Pick Up is the next day at 8:30 a.m.