



Why Should You Alter Your Companion Animal?

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA believes that all female dogs and cats should be altered before their first heat. Both dogs and cats older than 16 weeks are old enough to have received their full series of vaccinations and be altered. The health benefits of spaying and neutering are numerous. Neutering a male can reduce aggression and desire to roam. It also eliminates the possibility of testicular cancers. Spaying a female eliminates the heat cycle. It also reduces significantly the possibility of uterine, ovarian and mammary cancer, as well as life-threatening uterine infections.

Rescheduling or Canceling Your Appointment

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have to cancel or reschedule your appointment. Leave a message after hours at 650-340-7015. Please leave your name, daytime phone number, and appointment date.

Pre-Surgery Instructions

Please read and follow these instructions carefully. Because we care about your animal's health and well-being, we have to be sure you follow these steps before we admit your animal for surgery. Dogs over 8 years old and cats over 10 years old are required to have labwork.

① Required Vaccinations

- Dogs over 6 months old are required to have a distemper/parvo (DHPP) vaccination series. Their latest shot must have been given within the last three years. Dogs under 6 months old are required to have two DHPP vaccines.
- Cats over 6 months old are required to have a FVRCP vaccination series. Their latest shot must have been given within the last three years. Cats under 6 months old are required to have two FVRCP vaccines. Rabbits are not required to have vaccinations.
- Dogs and cats should also have current rabies vaccinations.
- For the health and safety of your animal and other patients, we require written proof of these vaccinations the morning of surgery. Your animal's vaccinations must be administered at a veterinary hospital or an authorized vaccination clinic. Vaccinations administered by a breeder or owner are not accepted. If you do not have proof of vaccinations for your animal, PHS/SPCA cannot perform the surgery.
- If your pet does not have current vaccinations, make sure he/she receives them at least one week prior to surgery. If you have a surgery appointment with us, PHS/SPCA offers a one time pre-surgical vaccination for \$15. To qualify, you must pay for this vaccination and the surgery at the time of the vaccination. We give these pre-surgical vaccinations Monday through Friday, 10 am to noon and 1-3 pm.

No appointment necessary.

- PHS/SPCA also holds a low-cost vaccination clinic the first Wed. of each month from 6-8 pm. Vaccinations available for rabies, FVCRP, DHPP and feline leukemia. Each costs \$15.

② Fasting

- It is very important that dogs and cats have an empty stomach for surgery. Do not allow your animal to eat anything after 10 pm the night before surgery - water is okay. If your animal is younger than six months of age, give a small snack at bedtime in addition to his/her regular dinner. This will help maintain the blood sugar level.
- If your animal has not fasted, we will not be able to perform the surgery. Inhaling vomited stomach contents can be fatal.
- Rabbits **should not** have fasted as they are unable to vomit and need to keep their intestines active.

③ Animals pregnant or lactating

Pregnant dogs, cats, and rabbits may be operated on at the discretion of the veterinarian. We charge an additional \$25-40 for pregnant cats and \$30-100 for pregnant dogs. We recommend that lactating animals (those nursing young) discontinue nursing two weeks prior to surgery.

④ No Flea Products

Discontinue use of all flea products (flea collars, sprays, dips, powders and shampoo) three days before surgery and do not resume until three days after surgery. Program and Advantage are okay to continue and do not complicate surgery.

⑤ Medications

If your animals is taking an over-the-counter or prescribed medication, please call and let us know prior to surgery date.

⑥ Rabbits

These animals may have surgery at six months or older. They do not require vaccinations and fasting is not necessary. Please make plans to separate any cagemates for the animal having surgery for as long as two weeks after surgery.

Surgery Day

Bring your animal to the clinic between 7-8:30 am. Please allow 15-20 minutes for admitting procedures, including paperwork and brief pre-surgery exam.

For the health and safety of all our customers - human and animal - dogs must be on leash and cats and rabbits in carriers.

Post-Surgery Instructions

We will provide detailed post-operative instructions when you pick up your animal after surgery.

① Stay home with your animal.

Your pet has just undergone major surgery. Please make sure someone is home to be with him or her the night of the surgery.

② Keep your animal indoors.

If you have a dog who is outside a lot, make him or her a bed in the kitchen or garage. For the first week, dog should be on a leash to go outside. Keep activity level low.

③ Separate your pet from other animals.

On the night of the surgery, please allow your pet to recuperate away from your other pets and children. As your animal feels better, you may allow him or her to interact, but separate the animals if playtime gets rough.

④ There is no suture removal.

⑤ Male cats

Male cats should have shredded paper or other litter instead of clay litter for the first 24 hours. This helps keep the incision site clean and free of irritants.

⑥ Tattoos

You may notice that your female dog or cat has two small dark lines, one on each side, parallel to her incision. These are thin tattoo lines to indicate she has been spayed.

Kennel Cough Precautions

Kennel Cough Complex (KCC) is a highly contagious disease in dogs, spread by coughing and sneezing. It is common wherever dogs are housed or confined together...places like boarding kennels, shelters, vet hospitals and pet shops. Since we are an animal shelter and veterinary clinic, it's possible for your dog to be exposed to Kennel Cough. We do not require the Bordetella Vaccine, but recommend that dogs who come to our Spay/Neuter Clinic be vaccinated for Bordetella prior to their surgery.

Feline Upper Respiratory Virus

As with Kennel Cough in dogs, Upper Respiratory Virus (URI) is highly contagious in cats, spread by sneezing. The signs of URI are sneezing, runny eyes and a runny nose. Generally the illness is less severe when cats have been vaccinated. If your pet does come down with Kennel Cough or URI, you need to see your own Veterinarian for treatment.



Clinic Hours

Monday- Friday

- Admitting 7-8:30 am
- Discharge 4-5:30 pm
- Pre-surgical vaccines 10 am to Noon and 1:00-3:00

We cannot board animals overnight. If you have an emergency and cannot pick up your animal, please call us at 650-340-7022 ext. 390.

Support Us!

We can't do it without you!

Our Spay/Neuter Clinic fees are significantly less than those charged at private veterinarians' offices. Making this surgery available to everyone is vital to our mission of decreasing unwanted litters. Please consider even a small donation on top of your surgery fee. By adding a \$10, \$25, even \$50 donation to your spay/neuter fee, you are helping us keep our costs low.

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____

Make checks payable to PHS/SPCA and mail to our Burlingame shelter at: **1450 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA 94010.**

Please charge my Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AmEx:

Acct. #
Expiration date
Signature

Donor info:

Name	
Address	
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State	Zip
Phone	
E-mail	

I'd prefer to give \$_____ per month.

Please send me information on the Faithful Friends monthly giving program. For more information, please call 650-340-7022 ext. 389 or visit PHS-SPCA.org (Click Donate).

Thank you!

Surgery Fees

PHS/SPCA keeps spay/neuter prices low so people can afford this important surgery. Our actual cost to perform the surgery is much higher than what we charge the public. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Payment can be made with cash, check or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex, or Discover Card). There may be additional fees for pregnancy and extra procedures (surgery fees listed on right).

Other Services

Please let us know if you are interested in having your animal microchipped - implanted with a permanent form of identification placed just under the skin behind the neck. If your animal is ever brought to the shelter without identification, this microchip will help us in trying to reunite you with your animal. The cost of this procedure is \$30, or \$12 if you live in Belmont, San Mateo, East Palo Alto or the unincorporated part of our county. We also offer a blood test for feline leukemia and feline AIDS. This combination test costs \$20. We recommend that you test your cat before beginning his/her feline leukemia vaccines. (Other Services and fees listed on right.)

Directions

Our Coyote Point Shelter is located in San Mateo just off HWY 101 directly north of Coyote Point Park at 12 Airport Boulevard.

- From the north, take the Poplar Ave. exit and follow the signs for Coyote Point. Turn left onto Airport Blvd. (PHS/SPCA will be on the right).
- From the south, take the Peninsula Ave. exit. Stay in the left lane to turn left onto Airport Blvd. (PHS/SPCA will be on the right).

The Spay/Neuter Clinic is located at the far north, or left end of our facility.

Surgery Fees prices subject to change

Males	Cost of Surgery
Cats*	\$50
Rabbits	\$80
Dogs*	
under 30 lbs	\$90
31-50 lbs.	\$110
51-75 lbs.	\$125
76-99 lbs.	\$150
100 lbs. +	<small>We cannot provide service for any animal over 100 lbs.</small>

Females	Cost of Surgery
Cats*	\$60
Rabbits	\$100
Dogs*	
under 30 lbs	\$100
31-50 lbs.	\$125
51-75 lbs.	\$150
76-99 lbs.	\$190
100 lbs. +	<small>We cannot provide service for any animal over 100 lbs.</small>

Other Services/Fees prices subject to change (at time of surgery only)

Service	Cost of Service
Catheters <i>(as necessary)</i>	\$25
Deciduous teeth	\$15 each
Ear mite medication	\$20
FeLv Vaccine, DHPP, Rabies, FVRCP Vaccine	\$15 each
FeLv/FIV test	\$25
Nail Trim	\$10
*Obese	\$20
Pre-surgical lab work <i>(as necessary)</i>	\$100
Tapeworm treatment	\$25
In heat	\$20

Appointment Date _____

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