



Client Pre-Surgical Information

It is important for you to understand that the risk of injury or death, although extremely low, is always present just as it is for humans who undergo surgery. Carefully read the following, and let us know if you have any questions.

Please understand that:

- This operation presents some hazards and that injury to or death of an animal may conceivably result, for there is some risk in the procedure and the use of anesthetics and drugs in providing this service. Cascades Humane Society cannot provide or pay for any aftercare in the event of any complications.
- Your animal should be in good health in order to undergo any surgical procedure and **should not eat or drink after midnight the night before surgery.**
- Cascades Humane Society has the right to refuse service to any animal to whom surgery is deemed a health risk.
- Your animal may be exposed to other animals with unknown health histories with the potential for infectious disease.
- Cascades Humane Society has the right to refuse service to any animal that is deemed a risk to staff, volunteers, or other animals in the building.
- Some factors significantly increase surgical risk, including but not limited to, pregnancy, heat, obesity, age and diseases such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, Feline Leukemia, and heartworms. If your animal is pregnant, the pregnancy will be terminated at surgery.
- Every cat has to be in its own carrier. Each carrier must be sturdy and in good condition. Cascades Humane Society has the right to refuse any cat that is not presented in a carrier on the morning of surgery.
- You must pick up your animal by your designated pick up time. If you do not pick up your animal by this time, you will be charged a boarding fee of \$35.00 per animal.
- All services must be added and paid for prior to the day of your appointment. Services may not be added to your appointment on the day of surgery.
- Pain medication will be administered to cats via injection during surgery. Dogs will be sent home with oral prescription pain medication.

Aftercare information:

After surgery you will be given detailed discharge instructions. Below is some information to keep in mind before the day of your appointment.

- It is very important that your animal stay calm and quiet after surgery. Be sure to have a place set up for your animal to rest. You may need to keep your animal sequestered from the rest of the home so he will remain calm.
- Cats should be kept indoors only for 10 days after surgery. Dogs should be taken for leash walks to go to the bathroom and brought back inside for 10 days after surgery.
- Your animal may not be bathed for at least ten days after surgery.
- Have some canned food on hand for your pet to eat the night of surgery to entice them to eat.