

E-mail Address

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**List phone numbers where you can be reached ALL DAY. PLEASE, be sure to answer your phone ALL DAY**

Phone #'s: (    )    -    Alt # (    )    -

**Consent:** I am the owner, or the authorized agent for the owner, of the animal described on this form, and I have the authority to execute this consent. I hereby give AARC/Joplin Humane Society Spay and Neuter Clinic, and any authorized agents, staff, or representatives consent and authority to perform spay/neuter surgery and administer or dispense medications & vaccines requested on this form. The spay/neuter surgery, which requires general anesthesia, involves the removal of the uterus and ovaries in females and removal of the testicles in males. I understand what will be done. I also understand that my pet will not be checked for pregnancy prior to surgery and that, if pregnant, fetuses will be aborted. I have been informed that there are certain risks and complications associated with any operation or procedure of this type. I have read "Potential Complications from Spay/Neuter Surgery," "Post-Operative Care Instructions," and "Vaccination Reactions." My questions, if any, have been answered. I further understand that during the course of the operations or procedures, unforeseen conditions may arise that may necessitate the performance of additional procedures. I authorize the use of appropriate anesthesia and pain relief medication as needed before or after the procedure. I have been informed that there are risks associated with the use of any medication. I understand that the veterinarian performs all surgeries and utilizes clinic support personnel as deemed necessary. I understand that I am financially responsible for all post-operative veterinary care whether it is provided by AARC/Joplin Humane Society or another veterinary facility. I agree to pick up my pet before closing time or I will pay \$20 per 15 minute interval until I arrive in order to compensate tired staff.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Surgery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Pre-Operative Blood Tests Are Recommended**

- SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY**
- Female Dog Spay \$50
  - Male Dog Neuter \$50
  - Female Cat Spay \$35
  - Male Cat Neuter \$35

- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- Conventional Pain Relief \$10
  - Bite-Free Collar (Prevents licking of incision)
  - E-collar (Prevents licking of incision) \$10

- PARASITE PREVENTION/TREATMENT**
- Heartworm Preventative 1 month FREE with test
  - Flea and tick control for 1 month: Frontline Plus \$5
  - Deworm-hooks/roundworms \$5
  - Ear Mite Treatment (Otomite) \$5 1tx

- SHOTS & MICROCHIP**
- Dog Distemper: adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza, parvovirus \$10
  - Cat Distemper: rhinotracheitis, calici, panleukopenia \$10
  - Rabies Vaccine: MUST BE 12 WEEKS OR OLDER \$10
  - Microchip with Lifetime Registration \$15

- TESTS**
- Dog Heartworm Test \$13 (includes 1 Tri Heart preventative tablet)
  - Cat Leukemia AIDS test \$15

- EXTRAS**
- 6mo Tri-Heart HW Prev. SM \$20
  - 6mo Tri-Heart HW Prev. MED \$28
  - 6mo Tri-Heart HW Prev. LG \$36
  - Ear cleaning n/c
  - Nail Trim n/c
  - Dental Scaling \$5
  - Ear Tip The tip of the left ear is removed. No charge.
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Office Use \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Friendly? \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Long or short hair? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last heat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health issues? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 List Medications: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last time pet has eaten? \_\_\_\_\_

- TELL US IF YOUR PET HAS HAD...**
- Allergic reactions or allergies (esp. to shots or medications)-facial swelling, trouble breathing etc).
  - Breathing problems (runny nose, difficulty breathing, a cold, asthma, pneumonia, or other respiratory conditions)
  - Bleeding problems such as excessive bleeding when nails are trimmed, blood in stool, bloody nose, other.
  - Liver, kidney or heart problems (murmurs, shunts, elevated enzymes, other issues)
- Other (no appetite, always thirsty, urine issues, etc).**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Physical Exam \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Test Results  Visual  PE  Call

Negative

Positive only for circled items:

FIV  
 FeLV  
 HW  
 Lyme  
 Ehrlichiosis



## **Pre-Operative Care**

No Food after midnight. Water is okay.

## **POST-OPERATIVE CARE**

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### **What to Do After Surgery**

- Offer Water Immediately
- Feed a small amount of canned food each hour until your pet has had  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his/her normal evening meal. Resume normal feeding in the morning. Pets that have not been given extra pain medications may not eat for a day or two.
- No Over-the Counter Pain Medications. TOXIC!
- Keep Warm. Avoid heating pads.
- Keep Pets Inside for 7-10 days, Wild Cats for 36 hours.
- No Exercise (running, jumping, time off leash outside) for 7-10 days. Confine cats for the first evening.
- No Baths for 10 days
- E-Collar for 7-10 days.
- Dust-Free Litter for male cats for 3-7 days

### **What to Expect (In Some Pets) After Surgery**

- Sleepiness, staggering and shivering
- Watery eyes and/or drooling
- Occasional vomiting
- A scrotum that is up to twice the size of the testicles. This resolves over 1-6 weeks.
- A non-painful lump. Resolves within 3-6 weeks.
- Sutures may take 3 months to disappear. There are no stitches in male cats nor in young male puppies.
- A small protrusion of pinkish colored tissue extending the length of the incision.
- A green dot near the incision-this is NORMAL; it is a surgery tattoo

### **What Requires Veterinary Care After Surgery**

- A "lump" near the incision that disappears when pushed on or that is accompanied by poor appetite
- Anything protruding from the incision other than a small (less than 1/8 inch high) line of pinkish tissue.
- Bleeding or discharge from the vaginal area
- More than a few drops of blood the night of surgery or any bleeding thereafter
- A pet that is unwilling to move around
- Severe swelling (over 3 times the size the testicles had been) of the scrotum.
- Decreased appetite that lasts more than 2 days.
- Missing sutures (other than in male cats, who never had any).
- Skin discoloration, pus or a highly painful swelling around the incision.

### **Post-Operative Questions and Emergencies**

All post-operative care is at the pet owner's expense. Non-emergencies: (417) 623-3642.

Emergencies Only: Contact Lysa Buehler, Shelter Manager at: (417) 439-5143.

**If the Lysa does not answer, please contact your veterinarian or the emergency clinic such as the one listed below.**

Emergency Pet Center of the Four States  
1110 E 7th Street  
Joplin, MO 64801  
(417) 782-9611



# Joplin Humane Society

## **PLEASE READ BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT**

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### **Potential Complications of Spay/Neuter Surgery**

#### Common

- Scrotal bruising and swelling in males that resolves without treatment
- Self-inflicted trauma to the surgical site. This includes suture removal by the animal, skin infections caused by licking and other damage. Prevent these problems by purchasing an e-collar.
- Hematoma or seroma (non-painful swellings near the incision or in the scrotum) that resolve without treatment
- Minor swelling and redness around the incision that resolves without treatment

#### Rare

- Anesthetic complications resulting in death (1/2500 animals\*)
- Other anesthetic complications resolving with treatment (1/5000)
- Hernias in females-breakdown of the internal sutures (1/8000)
- Delayed wound healing (0)
- Urinary incontinence-dribbling urine/inability to control urination (0)
- Infections in the abdomen or the remaining small piece of the uterus (1/8000)
- Weight gain in females (0)
- Bleeding during or after surgery either internally, from the incision or from the vulva that can result in death. (1/1000 repaired surgically)
- Infection in the skin near the incision or sutures (1/8000)
- Adhesions or other complications which may impair gastrointestinal or urinary tract (0)
- Other: There is also the possibility of unforeseen complications

Figures recorded by Dr. Cobb based on 8000 surgeries.

### **Vaccination Reactions**

Recommended vaccines help protect your pet from deadly or potentially deadly and fairly common diseases. Muscle soreness, sluggishness, loss of appetite +/- mild fever are occasionally seen for a day or two after vaccination. On rare occasions, pets have an allergic reaction. Hives and/or facial swelling are the most common signs. Pets with these reactions should be treated promptly as the condition can, on very rare occasions progress. On extremely rare occasions, pets have allergic shock reactions to shots. This may be seen as difficulty breathing, weakness, collapse or even death. These reactions generally occur within 5 minutes of vaccination but can take longer. These reactions can occur in pets that have been vaccinated in the past without problems. Pets can develop sarcomas (tumors) at the injection site (reportedly 1/10,000 shots). These tumors are most frequently reported with rabies vaccines and feline leukemia vaccines (reportedly 1/1000 shots). They are very difficult and expensive to treat and can result in the need for euthanasia. There are also reports of dogs developing immune mediated anemia from vaccinations. This appears to be rare but can be deadly.