



## **PLEASE READ BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT**

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### Pre-surgical considerations

- JHS' Spay/Neuter clinic is designed for healthy animals. We recommend animals with pre-existing conditions (seizures, bleeding disorders, immune deficiencies, etc.) be altered at a full service vet clinic.
- Pets over 7 years of age are higher risk surgical candidates. We recommend that older pets be altered at a full service veterinary practice or, that the owners of senior pets consider pre-op blood work prior to surgery. This must be set up a minimum of three days in advance of surgery and is available at a cost of \$60.
- We **STRONGLY** recommend pain medication to go home and an e-collar to keep your pet comfortable and prevent them from damaging their incision. Pets can cause traumatic damage to themselves and repair to damaged surgery sites can be very expensive . All post operative care will be at the owners expense.

### The night before surgery

- Bathe your pet if needed. After surgery, your pet cannot have a bath for ten days.
- Remember to withhold food after 8pm for adult animals and midnight for puppies.
- If your pet weighs less than 4lbs, contact us to discuss feeding before surgery.
- Your pet may have water all night.
- Review your pets vaccination history so you can choose vaccinations and testing you would like to have done in the morning.
- Make sure your pet gets a good night's sleep!

### Morning of surgery

- Remember...do not feed your pet!
- Bring all dogs on leashes and all cats in carriers. Be sure to put a towel or blanket you would not mind being thrown away in the carrier for your cat's comfort.
- Gather your pre-printed consent form (if you have printed) and rabies certificates
- You will need to drop off your pet between 9:15-9:45 at the front door of the shelter.
- Please walk dogs before entering shelter.
- You will pay at pick up. We accept Cash, Credit and Debit. We do not accept personal checks or Amex. Pick up is between 4-5pm.
- **CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IF:** your pet is coughing, sneezing, has nasal discharge, vomiting or diarrhea. We prefer NOT to spay females while they are in heat as risk of bleeding is increased.