



SPAY / NEUTER

PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow these pre-operative instructions carefully. Dogs that are **not properly prepared for surgery may **not be able to have surgery** as scheduled.**

What You Need to Know Before Surgery

- You must have an appointment for surgery.
- Your dogs must be in good health. If your dogs shows any sign of illness such as coughing, sneezing, runny eyes or diarrhea we may not perform surgery. See your regular veterinarian for care first, and then re-schedule surgery when your pet is healthy.
- We recommend your pet is vaccinated prior to surgery. Your animal will be around a lot of other animals and could be exposed to something.
- If your pet is not vaccinated, your pet will be vaccinated with age-appropriate core vaccinations and rabies vaccination.
- Your pet will be microchipped and a small green tattoo applied.
- Puppies must be 12 weeks of age
- We advise pre-surgical blood tests. These blood tests let us know how well your pet's liver and kidneys are functioning. You can have this done at any full service veterinary office. This is not a service we can provide.
- You must go to your regular veterinarian for any post-operative complications. We will not cover those costs.

The Night Before Surgery

- Keep your dog safely inside your home.
- As your pet should not swim or be bathed for two weeks after surgery, if possible please bathe your pet before surgery if there is noticeable dirt on his/her coat.
- Do not allow your dog to eat any food or drink any water after 6:00 pm the night before surgery.



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On the Day of Your Surgery Appointment

- Give your dog a good walk before he comes to the clinic, and make sure they go to the bathroom. Your pet will be more comfortable.
- No food this morning
- Drop your dog off at the clinic at 6 am in the morning.
- When you arrive for surgery, prior to meeting with the veterinary technician, we ask that you keep your pet in your vehicle for a BRIEF time, weather permitting, while we complete the paperwork. You will then be asked to bring your pet into the clinic.
- For the safety of your dog and our staff and clients, we require that all dogs be on a leash or in a carrier. If your dog requires a muzzle, please bring your own.

Reasons for Refusal of Surgery

Our veterinarians perform a general physical examination of every patient prior to surgery and reserve the right to refuse service to any animal for whom surgery is deemed a health risk.

Picking Your Dog Up

- Pick your dog up promptly between 1:30 pm-2:30 pm the same day as surgery.
- If your pet is not picked up, your pet will be transferred to the shelter and you will incur a boarding fee.

If you have questions about your pet's spay or neuter appointment, please contact us at:

 **FixMyPet@elpasotexas.gov**