

## **Surgical Information for Pet Owners**

### **Anderson County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Program**

Ideal Veterinary Hospital is happy to assist pets and their owners by providing spay/neuter surgeries to ACHS certificate holders and this information sheet will serve to outline the process and instruct pet owners on the things that are required of them. Any further questions should be directed to Anderson County Humane Society or Ideal Veterinary Hospital staff.

1. Pet owners must obtain a certificate from ACHS and it must be presented to Ideal Veterinary Hospital on the day of surgery.
2. Pet must be scheduled for surgery. To get a surgical appointment, owners must call Ideal Veterinary Hospital at 483-1334 during business hours.
3. Dogs should have a collar with identification. Cats and small pets should be in a carrier. Please label carrier with owner name and number. Please note that Tennessee State Law requires a visible Rabies tag on every pet's collar.
4. When you arrive at Ideal Vet Hospital on the appointed day, be sure pets are fasted (no food or water) from midnight the night before surgery.
5. Pets must be free of external parasites (fleas and ticks) and cannot have any obvious symptoms of contagious diseases like eye and nose discharge. Pets that have obvious parasites will be treated for those parasites at a cost of \$10. This fee will be collected at discharge.
6. All pets will have a pre-surgical physical exam, and problems or obvious disease will be addressed as needed. The veterinarian has the right to refuse surgical services on any pet that might be in danger from the procedure. Some problems can be addressed at the time of surgery, and should that need arise, the Ideal staff will contact the owner and discuss the problem and the solutions, as well as cost that might be associated. Permission will be obtained from owners prior to any additional services being performed.
7. Spaying and neutering are very common surgical procedures, and most veterinarians perform dozens of these surgeries every week. These procedures are not without risk, and the possibility of complications or even death does exist. Spay surgeries require a sterile incision into the belly, where the ovaries and uterus are removed. Neuter surgeries only require a skin incision and removal of the testes. There are stitches, which are generally dissolvable. Most pets will also receive vaccinations at this time.
8. Your pet will be hospitalized overnight and can be picked up after 10am the morning following surgery, after being checked by professional staff.
9. After surgery, your pet must have no physical activity for 3 days. Monitor incision for swelling, redness, drainage or any sign of problems. Call Ideal Veterinary Hospital with any concerns or questions. Rechecks or post-surgical problems may require additional fees; these will be determined on a case by case basis, but Ideal will do everything possible to keep costs to a minimum. 99% of pets do wonderfully and are much healthier and happier after their spay/neuter surgeries. Thank you for participating.