



Pre-Operative Care Instructions for Spay and Neuter

Thank you for choosing Bowie Spay & Neuter for your pet's surgery! We will take great care of your pet on surgery day!

Plan your visit with us:

- **Be sure to check directions** and plan for traffic for both drop off and pick up time! Drop off time is between 7-7:30 am. Please call if you are running late. Pick up time for dogs is between 2-3pm. Cats between 3-4pm. All pets must be picked up by 4pm.
- **You are required to provide proof of current rabies vaccine** at time of drop off. If you fail to bring documentation, we will administer the rabies vaccines at the cost of \$25.
- **If your pet has any pre-existing health conditions** please call the office to discuss them prior to the appointment! Medical records will need to be sent for vet review well in advance of the appointment.
- **Pets 7 years or older will require pre-anesthetic bloodwork.** We do recommend bloodwork for all patients prior to surgery. We will run the bloodwork the morning of surgery. If there are any results that are concerning surgery may be postponed.
- **Dogs and cats over 4 months old must come in fasted-** no food after 10 pm the night before surgery. Water is allowed.
- **Puppies and kittens under 4 months old should have a small meal no later than 6 am.** Then pick up all food. Water is allowed.
- **Rabbits should not be fasted.** Rabbits should be given food and water all the way up to coming in. Please bring food and water with you to the appointment so it can be given to them before and after surgery.
- **Rabbits must be in a carrier or travel size enclosure.**
- **Dogs must be on leash.** For the safety of all pets, please keep your distance. It is a new environment and going to the vet can be stressful on some animals. If your pet is aggressive or fearful at the vet please call us so we can discuss accommodations.
- **Cats must be in their own secure carrier.** One cat per carrier. If you do not have a carrier we recommend purchasing one prior to the appointment. Ferrets must be in traps.
- **We suggest that your pet be current on flea/tick preventative** within 30 days of your scheduled appointment in order to minimize the risk of possible exposure to parasites. All pets with fleas will be treated at the owner's expense.
- **Healing time will be 14 days.** Your pet will need to be kept calm and quiet during this time. An E-collar (cone) should be worn to prevent licking.
- **Payment is due at the time of service.** We accept cash and major credit cards Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express. We do NOT accept CareCredit.