## GUIDELINES: BEFORE, DURING and AFTER NEUTER / 'KAPON' (Community 'Kapon' Event)

## I. General Guidelines:

- 1. Carton boxes and make-shift cages will not be allowed for safety and welfare of the animals. Only 1-2 cats per cage is accepted.
- 2. Certain breeds with very flat noses are ineligible to participate in the community 'kapon' event. However, they are welcome to utilize our wellness services, including vaccination and deworming.
- 3. Pets with clear sign and symptoms of sickness will not be accepted.
- 4. After giving birth, cats can be spayed as early as 1 and half month as long as kitten already able to eat wet food.
- 5. Spay-abortion is allowed at any stage of pregnancy and for apparently healthy animals. It is advisable to for them to have a blood test.
- 6. Please bring extra towel/pads for their beddings after surgery.
- 7. Remove all the food/water bowls and toys inside their cages.
- 8. You may add one (1) vaccine together with spay/neuter of your pet if allowed by the vet.
- 9. Ear notching or ear tipping is optional and must be indicated on the tags attached on the cages of your pet before the surgery.
- 10. Pet parent has the option to drop-off their pets and pick-up them after or wait at the venue for about 2-8 hours. Please ask the organizer if waiting is allowed or if it is strictly a drop-off and pick-up event only.
- 11. Only walk-in clients who followed the advised fasting time will be accepted and only in limited number.

- 12. Taking photo and video of the actual procedure are not allowed.
- 13. Please bring more patience and cooperation for the success of the surgery and the event in general.

## II. Before and During Surgery

- 1. Only apparently healthy pets at the age of 5 months and above and not taking any medication will be accepted for surgery.
- 2. Blood test (CBC and Blood Chemistry), vaccination and health screening are highly recommended before surgery. If you insist to not have them undergo the said tests, you must sign a waiver document and be fully aware of the risks attached to it.
- 3. Fasting (minimal water and no food) could be between 5 to 15 hours. We suggest a fasting time of 8 hours to have an ample time in case of adjustment if we arrive 2 hours early or a maximum of 4 hours late than the given schedule.
- 4. The parent is responsible in making sure that their pet is secure and cannot escape the cage. Extra beddings/tissue are needed in case the pet defecates, urinates, or vomits. Dogs must be with strong and secured leash. Extra beddings to be placed on the floor will be needed during the pet's recovery right after surgery.
- 5. Dog owners are expected to handle their dogs. Aggressive and unruly dogs that can not be managed by their own owners will not be accepted in the event.
- 6. For breastfeeding cats, artificial milk must be available for the kittens since cats must not nurse their kittens within the next 24 hours after the surgery.
- 7. Pet parents will not be allowed to come near the surgery and waiting area during the conduct of the event. Taking pictures and videos will not be allowed.
- 8. Once a pet recovers, our staff will be the one to give it to the owner after verification.

## III. After Surgery

- 1. **Suitable cones** / **recovery** suit must be available and be use after the pet gains its appetite and able to move around few hours after surgery. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that the cone/recovery suit fits the pet and prevents it from licking the wound.
- 2. Recovery right after surgery can be from 1-12 hours, average of 4 hours. During this time, let the pet recovers in a spacious and well-ventilated cage or in a safe room with someone monitoring him. Avoid touching them as the pet might scratch or bite during the recovery stage when triggered. If the pet is calm enough (2-4 after surgery), provide water first. <a href="Vomiting is normal">Vomiting is normal</a> after surgery. If no vomiting happens 30 minutes after gaining consciousness, provide half the amount of the usual soft/dry diet. For any cases of vomiting, remove food and water for about 30 minutes to an hour.
- 3. It is expected to have a **waiting period of 2-8 hours** in every event, make sure that you have ample time for waiting before registering/joining in our events. We don't release pets without vet's approval regardless of pet parent's request. It is best to follow a drop-off and pick-up system if possible.
- 4. Your pet will receive injectable pain killer that will lasts for 24 hours and longacting antibiotic that is good for 5 days. If longer days of medication is needed, oral medication will be available at the event for purchase.
- 5. Observe the changes in breathing pattern, eye reflexes and limb movements during the first few hours of recovery. If there are abnormal or unusual, report to us immediately.
- 6. Provide the oral medication (if necessary and advised) after meal and wound treatment daily and regularly, this will start on the day after the neutering.
- 7. Pets after neutering are not allowed to have shower for 1-2 weeks.
- 8. Female cats and dogs (male and female) are required to use cone or recovery suit for at least 5-7 days or as needed.

- 9. For the next 1-3 days post-surgery, there can be inappetence, difficulty defecating and can be less active, at 4th day onwards, things must go back to normal. Unusual observation must be reported to us immediately.
- 10. <u>Male Dogs</u>: There can be inflammation on the surgical site that could last for 5-7 days and is expected to subside thereafter. Strict monitoring is needed to avoid the dog from licking or biting the wound that might cause more irritation and inflammation and prevents healing.
- 11. <u>Premature Wound Opening</u>: In case of issues with pet's behavior and inability of the pet parent to manage the pet to avoid excessive movement or wound licking that may result to premature wound opening, we are expecting the pet parent to inform us right away about the pet's condition and send us picture if necessary.

Restitching is not always an option for this and depends in a case-to-case basis. Secondary healing of an open wound may also be advised by the team if the pet has good appetite and active. However, please note that wound healing in this condition can have an additional of 1-2 more weeks and a more strict monitoring.

Please read 'Form 1 – Risk and Safety awareness'.

12. Other Abnormal/Unusual Observations: For any unusual health or behavioral issues observe days after surgery/service, inform us immediately and send pictures/videos if necessary.