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Please arrive between **7:15** and **8:15 AM**. Enter the clinic through the glass doors around the back of the building. Clinic staff will be unavailable before 7:15 AM. **Pick up is between 5:00 and 5:30 PM on the same day. The Clinic will be closed and locked at 5:45 PM and patients not yet picked up will be boarded overnight at owners expense.**

Please call as soon as possible if you need to cancel or reschedule so that we may schedule another patient into your slot. Please mark your calendar as we do not send reminders. **“No Shows” and cancellations with less than 48 hr notice will not be rescheduled AND a \$75 service charge may be applied.**

What to Do Before Clinic Day

Consider preoperative blood testing. **Preoperative blood testing is always a good idea and IS MANDATORY for all pets 1 year of age and older.** Preoperative heartworm testing is also recommended for all dogs over 6 months of age. We offer basic blood testing that evaluates your pets' blood count, kidney function and serum protein. If selected, these blood tests will be performed at the Clinic before anesthesia is administered. If desired, a complete blood chemistry panel and urinalysis can be performed by your veterinarian prior to surgery.

Read and fill out information on the enclosed consent information & the list of additional services that we offer. If bringing multiple pets please copy and fill out pages two and three for each animal.

To help keep your costs down, all transactions will be cash, credit or debit card only. Payment is due when you drop your pet off on the morning of surgery. Please refer to the services list for current prices.

Please reschedule if your pet becomes ill **or** if your dog exhibits signs of going into heat. Please reschedule for at least 6 weeks after all bleeding **and** swelling of genitals has resolved. **In cats, heat cycles do not pose a problem and we can proceed with surgery.** A surcharge for additional time and supplies may be applied to any surgery of a pet in heat.

Due to the increased surgical risks associated with age, pets 5 years of age and older will require a pre-operative examination in our office a few days prior to surgery.

What to Do the Morning of Surgery

Withhold food, not water. Withhold food starting at bedtime the night before surgery. **Do not restrict water.**

Make sure that you have your cell phone with you all day and provide an additional telephone number where you can be reached during your pets' stay with us.

Check gum color. If your pet is friendly, look at the pink part of the gums prior to surgery. Make a mental note of the color for comparison purposes in case of postoperative concerns.

Bring a towel or blanket that can be discarded if soiled. Pets can get chilled after surgery.

Dogs must be on leashes or in carriers. **Cats must be in carriers (cardboard not recommended) or in a trap if feral. If bringing in a feral cat in a trap, please also bring a hard empty carrier along to go home in.** Please, only one cat per carrier. Please make sure to walk your dog before coming in for surgery.

THE AFFORDABLE SPAY NEUTER CLINIC AND PET CARE
SERVICE SELECTION FORM (2)

Pets Name: _____ Circle: Dog Cat Breed: _____
 Age/Date of birth: _____ yrs / months Sex: M F Date: _____
 Telephone TODAY: cell _____ work/home _____
 Owner/Agent: _____
 Address: _____

****PLEASE CIRCLE THE SERVICES THAT YOU DESIRE AND BRING THIS FORM IN WITH YOU ON THE DAY OF SURGERY.**

<u>SURGERY</u>	<u>SPAY (female)</u>	<u>NEUTER (male)</u>
CATS	\$75	\$75
DOGS (by weight)		
0 - 25lbs	\$146	\$146
26 - 50lbs	\$160	\$160
51 - 80lbs	\$174	\$174
81 - 100lbs	\$188	\$188

<u>DENTAL CLEANING WITH SPAYING OR NEUTERING</u> (includes additional anesthesia, scaling & polishing)	
CATS	\$65 - 85 (depending on severity)
DOGS	\$75 - 95 (depending on severity and weight)

There is no charge for the physical examination performed prior to surgery. If dental cleaning is selected, we will contact you during the procedure to discuss treatment options if dental disease is discovered in your pets mouth. Female patients in heat (estrus) may incur a surcharge due to additional materials and time in surgery.

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SURGERIES

Preoperative Blood Testing (kidney function/red cell count/serum protein)	\$29
Protective Collar dispensed ("E" Collar)	\$17
Pain Medication Dispensed (three day supply)	\$20

Microchip - Get your pet back! Identify your pet FOR LIFE! \$35

ADDITIONAL SERVICES OFFERED

Heartworm /Lyme /Ehrlichia /Anaplasmosis Disease Testing (for dogs)	\$40
Feline Leukemia/Feline AIDS Test (for cats - FELV/FIV blood testing)	\$40
Pedicure under anesthesia	\$10
Ear Cleaning	\$16
With Ear Mite Treatment	\$28
Anal Sac Expression	\$15
Activyl Dose (flea and tick control)	\$17
Bravecto - ORAL <i>Single Dose</i> 3 month flea and tick prevention for dogs	\$54
De-worm (for hookworms and roundworms)	\$22
Tapeworm treatment	\$25
Dew Claw removal (for puppies - extra hinds toes)	\$50-75
Retained Puppy teeth extraction (per tooth)	\$25-40
Umbilical (belly button) hernia - varies w/severity	\$40-75

VACCINATIONS

<i>Rabies Vaccination</i>	\$18
Dog Distemper Vaccination (distemper/hepatitis/parvo/parainfluenza/corona viruses)	\$24
Dog Kennel Cough Vaccination (bordatella)	\$19
Dog Lyme Disease Vaccination	\$36
Dog Influenza	\$24
Cat Distemper Vaccination (feline viral rhinotracheitis/calici/panleukopenia viruses)	\$24
Cat Leukemia Vaccination (FELV)	\$26

Medical Waste /Sharps Disposal (Mandatory) **\$2**

TOTAL \$ _____

ALL PATIENTS OVER 3 MONTHS OF AGE MUST BE CURRENT ON THEIR RABIES VACCINATION. RABIES VACCINATION WILL BE GIVEN IF DUE AND A CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION AND TAG WILL BE ISSUED.

Please indicate if you would like your pet to become a regular patient of The Affordable Spay Neuter Clinic and Pet Care YES _____ NO _____

Potential Complications of Spay/Neuter Surgery

Rare:

- Anesthetic or surgical complications resulting in death (this has never occurred at the A.S.N.C.)
- Other anesthetic complications resolving with treatment
- Hernias in females/breakdown of internal sutures
- Postoperative infection of the surgical site or internal infection
- Bleeding (possibly severe) during or after surgery that may require immediate treatment

More Common:

- Scrotal bruising or swelling in males that resolves without treatment
- Self-inflicted trauma to the surgical site. This includes suture removal by the animal, skin infections or irritation caused by licking and other damage. **Prevent these problems by purchasing an E-collar.**
- Hematoma or seroma (non-painful swelling at the incision site or in the scrotum that resolves without treatment)
- Minor swelling or redness at the incision site that resolves without treatment

Vaccination Reactions

Muscle soreness, sluggishness, loss of appetite +/- mild fever are occasionally seen for a day or two after vaccinations. On rare occasions, pets can have an allergic reaction. Hives and/or facial swelling are the most common signs. Pets with this type of reaction should be treated promptly as the condition can, on very rare occasions, progress. On extremely rare occasions, an acute, life threatening reaction may occur within 5 minutes of receiving a vaccination. Also extremely rare is the development of a sarcoma (tumor) at the injection site (reported at 1/10000, especially in cats receiving leukemia vaccination). Protective responses to vaccination against disease will vary with the individual patients' immune system and no vaccine can ever be said to be 100% effective in all patients, every time.

Consent

I am the owner or authorized agent of the animal described on this form, and I have the authority to execute this consent. I hereby give Dr. Steven M Silberman, The Affordable Spay Neuter Clinic, and any authorized agents, staff, or representatives consent and authority to perform spay/neuter surgery and administer or dispense medications & vaccines requested on this form. I understand that spay/neuter surgery requires general anesthesia and involves the removal of the uterus and ovaries in females and the removal of the testicles in males. I also understand that my pet will not be checked for pregnancy prior to surgery and that, if pregnant, fetuses will be aborted. I have been informed that there are certain risks and the potential for complications associated with any surgery of this type. I also understand that during the course of the operations or procedures, unforeseen conditions may arise that may necessitate the performance of additional procedures. I authorize the use of appropriate anesthesia and pain relief medication as needed before, during or after the procedure. I understand that I am financially responsible for all post-operative veterinary care whether it is provided by *The Affordable Spay Neuter Clinic* or another veterinary facility. I also understand that there may be an additional fee if termination of pregnancy is required or if any emergency treatment is required *and* for any contagious parasites found on my animal during its' stay at the surgery clinic (fleas/mites, etc.). There may an additional charge if your pet is obese and additional surgical time and materials are required. I agree to pick up my pet before the closing time listed on my paperwork or I will incur additional charges at the discretion of the Clinic. (fleas/mites, etc.). There may be an additional charge if our pet is obese or additional surgical time and materials is required. I agree to pick up my pet before the closing time listed on my paperwork or I will incur additional charges at the discretion of the Clinic.

Pets Name: _____ Circle: Dog Cat Age: _____ months/yrs

Procedure(s) authorized: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Name (printed): _____

Please read and initial: If not electing pre-operative blood work I agree that my pet is under 1 year of age. My pet is not over 5 years of age and is in good health. I have not offered him/her any food and to the best of knowledge my pet has not digested any substances (other than water) since midnight last night. _____

Postoperative Care Instructions

- **No Exercise:** Avoid jumping and running for your pet for 7 to 10 days after surgery. Confine in a crate or a small room as needed. Walk you dog on a leash only.
 - **Keep Inside:** Dirt and flies cause infection and itching with the potential for causing your pet to scratch open its' wound. Keep dogs and tame cats indoors for one week.
 - **Keep Warm:** Provide towels or blankets to lie on. NO HEATING PADS!
 - **Food and Water:** Water can be given immediately. If your pet has not vomited, you can feed a small amount of food one to two hours after arrival back home. If there is no nausea, feed another small portion after one hour and feed a normal breakfast meal the next morning. If you did not purchase extra pain medication, discomfort may discourage appetite for up to three days. Pets on pain medication generally eat well the day after surgery.
 - **Pain Medication:** Your pets' pain relief injection will help for approximately 4 to 6 hours after surgery. If you purchased pain relief medication at the Clinic, please follow the labeling instructions. **Do not give over the counter (OTC) medications without consulting a veterinarian.** Some of these products can be very toxic to your pet. Begin oral pain medication at 8:00 - 10:00 pm.
 - **Litter Pans:** Use shredded paper, absorbent crystal cat litter or a product called "Yesterday's News" (available at *Diane's Discount Pet Supplies*) to avoid litter dust in the incision for 3 days. This is especially important in male cats.
 - **No Baths:** Do not bathe your pet for 10 days after surgery.
 - **"E"- Collar:** If your pet is licking at his or her incision, **purchase an e-collar and keep it on for 7 to 10 days.**
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What to Expect After Surgery

- Cats can be mildly sleepy and wobbly for the first evening but are usually normal by the next morning. Cats that are overly excitable (running into things, circling or banging around) should be kept in a carrier until they are normal. This behavior, if noted, should not last more than 24 hours.
- Dogs may be sluggish and will gradually return to normal activity over 1 to 3 days.
- Shivering is common for about 6 to 12 hours. Your pet should be easily roused from sleep and willing to move.
- Eyes may appear watery or glazed from a protective lubricant applied during anesthesia.
- Occasional vomiting may occur for 12 to 24 hours in some patients. Seek medical attention if vomiting is severe.
- A few drops or spots of blood at the surgical site may be present on the first night only. If combined with excessive lethargy or if blood loss is greater than a few drops, seek veterinary advice.
- Males can develop swelling in the scrotum, especially if they are too active. This may make it appear as if they still have testicles. This will resolve within 1 to 4 weeks. Please remember to keep your post-op pet from running and rough play 7 days, minimum.
- Mild redness can occur at the incision for up to 7 days. If this is noted, please apply triple antibiotic ointment to the incision three times day until the redness resolves.
- A non-painful lump may occur near the incision for up to 2 weeks after surgery. This can be a mild fluid accumulation or a reaction to the sutures under the skin. This should resolve without treatment in 3 to 6 weeks.
- Sutures are absorbable and do not need to be removed after surgery. A small suture remnant is sometimes noted within the incision and is not a problem. Pets can cause infection or damage their incision by licking. **Please avoid this problem by using an e-collar.** You can always remove it if not needed.

What Requires Veterinary Care After Surgery

- Anything protruding from the incision other than a small line of pinkish tissue (the skin edges) or a small suture remnant.
- Bleeding or discharge from the vaginal area at any point after surgery up to 2 weeks post-op. If bleeding or blood clots are present, seek veterinary care immediately. If a yellow or other discharge occurs, seek care within one day.
- If there is bleeding at the incision beyond a few drops on the night after surgery, compare your pet's gum color to its' normal color before the operation. Seek veterinary care if there is significant or continued bleeding and/or if you think that your pet's gum color is not as pink (or pale) compared to before surgery.
- Moderate to severe lethargy (sleepiness) especially if accompanied by very pale pink or white gums can indicate internal bleeding even if there are no outward signs of bleeding. Immediate consultation is required.
- Decreased appetite or activity level that lasts more than two days requires a phone consultation within a day or evaluation by a veterinarian.
- Skin discoloration or pus at the surgical site requires treatment within a day if possible.
- Irritation (redness or moisture) at the surgery site indicates that your pet has been licking. Get an e-collar immediately and seek veterinary care as needed.

Who to Call for an Emergency

For **non-emergency** concerns or questions, please call the Clinic @ 610-970-4173 and leave a message and we will return your call within 48 hrs. For more urgent concerns, please call the doctor's cell phone @ 610-587-0243 between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. He may advise you to return to the clinic for a follow-up exam or refer you to one of the animal emergency hospitals listed below if required. **If it is after 7:00 PM or if the doctor does not answer, and you believe that your pet needs medical attention immediately, please leave a message and then contact your local veterinarian or one of these after hour emergency hospitals:**

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| 1. Veterinary Referral Center
340 Lancaster Ave, Malvern, PA 19355
(610) 647-2950
www.vetrefferal.com | 2. Metropolitan Emergency Service
915 Trooper Rd, Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 666-0914
www."http://metro-vet.com/emergency_services.htm" |
| 3. Pet Emergency Treatment Services
930 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 295 - 7387
www.lancasterpetemergency.com | 4. West Chester Animal Emergency Clinic
1141 W Chester Pike, West Chester, PA 19382
(610) 696-4110
www.westchestervetmedclinic.com |

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AFFORDABLE SPAY NEUTER CLINIC - DIRECTIONS

PLEASE DO NOT USE MAPQUEST OR GPS SYSTEMS to locate us. Our physical address is not accessible through these systems and you can become lost. Below are directions from all areas.

FROM PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS EAST: Take Schuylkill Expressway (I76) west toward Valley Forge. Take the US 202/US 422 W exit towards King Of Prussia/West Chester/Pottstown. Merge onto 422 W towards Pottstown/Swedestord Rd. Take the Rt 100 S exit. (Be careful not to take the Rt 100 N exit). Go through three traffic lights. Just past the third traffic light you will see a US Gas station on the right. Directly across the street you will see Diane's Pet Supplies and Adoption Center. Turn into the parking lot of Diane's and go to the back of the building. We are in the lower level rear. Look for the green awning.

FROM READING AND POINTS WEST: Take 422 E toward Pottstown. Exit onto Rt 100 S. (Be careful not to take the Rt 100 N exit). Go through three traffic lights. Just past the third traffic light you will see a US Gas station on the right. Directly across the street you will see Diane's Pet Supplies and Adoption Center. Turn into the parking lot of Diane's and go to the back of the building. We are in the lower level rear. Look for the green awning.

FROM WEST CHESTER/DOWNTOWN AND POINTS SOUTH: Take Rt, 100 N (Pottstown Pk) toward Pottstown. You will cross through the intersections of Rt 30, Rt 113, Rt 401, and Rt. 23. After crossing over Rt. 23 you will travel for approximately 2.1 miles. You will see a US Gas station on the left. Directly across the street you will see Diane's Pet Supplies and Adoption Center. Turn into the parking lot of Diane's and go to the back of the building. We are in the lower level rear. Look for the green awning.

FROM ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH: Take PA 222 S. Turn left onto S Cedar Crest Blvd. Turn right onto Chestnut St/PA 29 S. Continue straight on PA 29 until it merges and becomes Rt, 100 S. Continue on Rt. 100 S toward Pottstown. You will cross over Rt. 422 and pass Coventry Mall on your right. Once past Rt. 422 and the mall go through three traffic lights. Just past the third traffic light you will see a US Gas station on the right. Directly across the street you will see Diane's Pet Supplies and Adoption Center. Turn into the parking lot of Diane's and go to the back of the building. We are in the lower level rear. Look for the green awning.