**SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare**

**199 Willow Run Road**

**Aiken, SC 29801**

**803-648-6864**

**PRE-SURGERY CONDITIONS**

1. DO NOT give your pet food after midnight the night before surgery. Water is allowed.
2. **CHECK- IN:** Is at 8:00 a.m. Please be prepared to wait as this process includes completing paperwork.

* We recommend completing the paperwork prior to the morning of surgery. The admission form is available at LetLoveLive.org under the clinic spay/neuter page; print the form, fill it out, and bring it with you the morning of surgery.
* If you need to complete the paperwork the morning of the procedure, you may consider bringing a friend to hold/watch or walk your dog outside while you complete the form.

1. CAT ARRIVAL:

* Only 1 cat per carrier – this is a safety issue for our staff.
* You are welcome to include a towel or blanket in the carrier.

1. DOG ARRIVAL:

* Must arrive on a leash.

1. South Carolina State Law requires all animals to have rabies vaccinations each year. If your pet is current on its vaccinations, a copy of the rabies certificate is required the morning of surgery. If no certificate is provided, we will administer the rabies vaccination for an additional fee of $12.00. If you do not have proof of a Distemper vaccine in the last year we are required to do this the day of surgery for a fee of $15.00 to ensure the health of your pet and the shelter animals.
2. DURING SURGERY:

* Your pet will be given a small green tattoo next to their incision as a quick way to identify whether or not a stray/lost pet is sterilized. Feral cats will be given a non-negotiable ear-tip.
* If the pet is in-heat or pregnant (female), undescended (male), or has an open umbilical hernia, an additional fee will apply.
* If the pet is determined to be infested with fleas, monthly flea meds will be given and can cost from $16-22.

1. **CHECKOUT:** Begins between 3:30-4:00 p.m. the same day as the surgery.

* Any pet not picked up by 4:15 p.m. will accrue a late fee of $15.00.
* Any pet not picked up by 4:30 p.m. will be held overnight for a $35.00 fee and will not be able to return home until 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

1. If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, please call and let us know 24 hours in advance.