**SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare**

**199 Willow Run Road**

**Aiken, SC 29801**

**803-648-6864**

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**PRE-SURGERY CONDITIONS**

1. **No food after midnight the night before surgery. Water is allowed.**

For our dogs, please make sure they go to the bathroom in the morning before arrival.

1. **CHECK- IN:** Is at  **8:00a.m.** Please be prepared to wait as this process includes completing paperwork, to make check in quicker for you, please:

* Submit proof of vaccines a week before surgery, either by e-mail or bring proof to the clinic.
* Complete the Surgery Admission & Consent Form prior to surgery; you can print it out online at **spcavetcare.org** or pick it up at the clinic.

1. CAT ARRIVAL:

* Only 1 cat per carrier – this is a safety issue for our staff.
* Make sure all carriers are label with your pet’s first name & your last name.
* You are welcome to include a towel or blanket in the carrier.

1. DOG ARRIVAL:

* Must arrive on a leash. **No retractable leashes!**

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 prior to surgery. If no certificate is provided, we will administer the rabies vaccination for an additional fee of $12.00.

Also, 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 $20.00 to ensure the health of your pet and the shelter animals.

1. DURING SURGERY:

* Please program our number into your phone (803)648-6864. We may try to call throughout the day & **it is important that we be able to reach you**.
* Your pet will be given a small green tattoo next to their incision as a quick way to identify whether 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, we will call to let you know the total.
* If the pet is determined to be infested with fleas, monthly flea meds will be given and can cost from $16-22, again we will call to go over your total.

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

To make checkout smoother we would like to stagger releases, so we are assigning pick up times: **Dogs 3:30 & Cats 3:45 \*You will be notified if your pet is ready early.**

* 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 $50.00 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. Any no shows for appointments will lose their deposit & will have to pay to reschedule.