**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 $15.00.

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.

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.