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Animal Rescue, Inc.
Pre-Spay/Neuter Instructions

Please read all instructions carefully. Failure to read all instructions may cause you to accrue additional charges, or may cause you to have to reschedule your appointment.

1. **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time ONLY.** If you are early, you will not be checked in early, as check in happens by appointment, not arrival time. If you arrive early, you may be asked to come back at your appointment, or to wait outside. **Please do not ask us to take you ahead of schedule.** If you need to cancel your appointment, please give 24 hours notice so that we can schedule another cat into your appointment. To cancel, please call Michele at (717) 246-8842. We do not answer phones at the rescue after 4 p.m., so we cannot give you directions after this time if you are lost. Be prepared with a GPS or other directions, including the ones that were sent to you in the pre-surgery packet. If you are lost, you can also call Michele for directions. Failure to provide a 24 hour notice may result in pre-pay via phone by credit card for all future appointments. **If you fail to show up for two appointments, we will not reschedule you.**
2. **Your kitten, 6 months or younger, MUST have food until 4 hours before its appointment and MUST be picked up the same night. Your adult cat MUST have food until 8 hours before its appointment. All cats and kittens must have water until you bring them for their appointment. Please make sure your cat eats before its appointment (following these guidelines) because it will be 12 to 20 hours before its next meal.**
3. Your cat must be brought in a clean, secure hard pet carrier no larger than 16X24. **No cardboard boxes, wire cages, or soft carriers of any kind will be accepted.** Dirty carriers will be sanitized at a \$5.00 charge prior to returning a cat after surgery (exceptions for soiling accidents). Please make sure your carrier is secure – that it is missing no bolts and that the door closes properly. There may be a \$5.00 charge if your crate is not secure and we must fix your crate or provide one of our own. If you need a spare, clean, or secure carrier, you may rent or buy one **PREVIOUS** to your appointment date for \$10.00 (\$10.00 deposit for renting). **If you are bringing more than one cat, each cat MUST be in its own carrier – NO EXCEPTIONS.** There **MUST** be 1 towel inside the carrier and 1 extra towel outside of the carrier for a total of 2 towels (the second towel is for soiling accidents).
4. Your payment is due at the time of your appointment. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS!** We accept cash, money orders, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. **PLEASE HAVE EXACT AMOUNT AS WE DO NOT HAVE CHANGE.**
5. **If your cat has a current rabies vaccine, you MUST BRING THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY of your certificate signed by the veterinarian who administered the vaccine.** If you cannot provide the certificate, we must vaccinate your cat against the rabies virus per state law.
6. Please fill out your pre-surgery consent form in its entirety, including your signature as guardian. For “Breed,” please mark Domestic Short Hair, Domestic Long Hair, Persian, etc.

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7. If your cat has fleas, ear mites, or worms and you have not paid for the treatment at check-in, your cat will be treated and you will be charged at pick-up. Please bring extra cash or a credit card with you at pick-up. **AGAIN, WE DO NOT HAVE CHANGE.**
8. If you have any questions about your appointment or the procedure, please call the rescue **prior** to your appointment. You will receive post-surgery instructions when you pick up your cat.
9. **Do not remove your cat from its carrier on Animal Rescue, Inc. property for any reason, including soiling accidents. Animal Rescue, Inc. staff will clean your cat and carrier for you at no charge if a soiling accident occurs.**
10. Please refrain from bringing friends and family with you during check-in because of our limited office space. **If you must bring children with you, please be sure that you have control over them. Office staff cannot watch your children while you check-in.** Other clients' cats will be in carriers in the office during check-in, and if your child sticks his or her finger into a carrier, he or she may be bitten by a cat that has not had its rabies vaccination. It is best to not bring your children with you during check-in.
11. The Ear Tip: Ear tipping involves removing a portion of the tip of one ear while the cat is under anesthesia. Ear tipping is a widely used surgery to mark that a cat has been neutered. In most cases, cats that are ear tipped are feral or stray. If your cat is caught in a trap, ear tipping is mandatory. Otherwise, you must mark whether you would like the cat to be ear tipped by initialing the "ear tip" area in the upper right hand corner of the consent form. Owned cats should not be ear tipped. **Ear tipping has nothing to do with the treatment of ear mites!**

12. Be prepared to keep your cat in a warm area for 7 to 10 days post surgery.

Your appointment date: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday ___/___/___

Your appointment time: _____ p.m.

- For ___ Female cat spay @ \$30.00 each
- ___ Male cat neuter @ \$30.00 each
- ___ Rabies Vaccine @ \$7.00 each
- ___ Pediatric Rabies Vaccine @ \$12.00 each
- ___ Distemper Vaccine @ \$7.00 each
- ___ De-worm/Ear mite treatment @ \$1.00 each
- ___ Advantage flea treatment @ \$5.00 each
- ___ Flush Ears @ \$5.00 each

Total Cost: _____

If you need to make changes to your **already scheduled appointment**, please call Michele at (717) 246-8842 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pick up times are the same evening as your appointment between 9:30 and 10 p.m. or between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. following day. In some cases, you may only be allowed to pick up your cat the following day. **Kittens six months or younger must be picked up between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. the same night.**