



1. Cats and dogs must weigh at least 3 pounds and no more than 80 pounds on the day of surgery. For scheduling surgery, small dogs are 3-45 and large dogs are 46-80 pounds. If your dog is scheduled for an appointment but is over our weight limit (80 pounds) when it arrives for surgery, we will be unable to perform the surgery. It is important that we have an accurate weight for scheduling dog surgeries. If you are unsure of your dog's weight, we ask you to bring your pet for a weight check or have them weighed elsewhere to assure an accurate weight.
2. Cats and dogs 4 months and older are required to have a current rabies vaccine. If your pet has a current rabies vaccine, we need verification for our records. Two acceptable forms are the summary sheet from your vet or the rabies certificate. Please either attach a pdf file to the surgery request or send an email with the file attached to: [info@spayneuterprojectmo.org](mailto:info@spayneuterprojectmo.org). If you do not have verification of rabies, we can provide that at the same time as surgery for an additional fee.
3. While your pet is under anesthesia, we can provide vaccines or other services. These can be found under the services tab when scheduling your pet. We ask that all services be paid for before the date of surgery.
4. We recommend that large and/or very active dogs also go home with an e-collar and Trazodone which will help to limit your dog's activity level and decrease licking of the surgical incision. Licking can cause swelling, redness, drainage, and bleeding. An e-collar is \$10, and Trazodone is \$5. These can be added through the service tab when scheduling.
5. We do not recommend plastic e-collars for cats. A paper plate e-collar works really well!
6. Your pet is given pain medication during surgery and no other medication should be needed. If your pet has surgery for an extended time, we will contact you about adding pain medication. If you want additional pain medication for your pet, we can provide three days of oral pain meds for \$10.

**Special considerations:**

7. Please call our office to schedule a feral cat. A feral cat is required to come in a live animal trap. A feral cat is given surgery, a rabies vaccination, and an ear tip for \$40. Please call our office to schedule and for additional instructions.
8. If your dog or cat is pregnant or has undescended testicles -- PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE ONLINE. Please call our office at 573-397-6443, as there are extra charges involved for those surgeries due to the extended time involved. Our vet may require an examination prior to scheduling the animal for surgery. There is no charge for a pre-op surgery exam.
9. If your pet is older or you don't know how old your pet might be or if you don't know how much your dog weighs, please call our office to schedule. We may need to see your pet before surgery can be scheduled. There is no charge for this visit.
10. Certain breeds like English Bulldogs or French Bulldogs are brachiocephalic (smooshy face). If your pet is one of those breeds, we will not be able to perform spay/neuter surgery on your pet. If you are not sure, please contact us, 573-397-6443.