



Animal Welfare League
of Frederick County

SPAY / NEUTER SURGERIES FOR CATS ONLY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Animal Welfare League (AWL) is offering fifteen (15) free spay/neuter surgeries to low-income families on May 13th, 2021. A rabies vaccine will be included. You must be a resident of Frederick County and complete the registration below. Return it by email to judya@awlfc.org – mail it to the address below or drop it off at our office. The offer is on a first come first serve basis, limit 2 (two) cats per family.

Surgical sterilization is the only humane way to reduce the tragic cycle of feline reproduction, overpopulation, homelessness, and death. Please review the income guidelines shown below and then, if you are eligible, complete the information requested.

Size of Family Unit	Income Ceiling
1	\$26,000
2	\$35,000
3	\$43,000
4	\$52,000
5	\$61,000
6	\$70,000

Please note: All cats must be 4 months old. Rabies vaccination is only available in conjunction with the surgery. It is not offered separately. The vet will require proof of a current rabies vaccine if your cat has a current vaccine.

Male cats are neutered and females are spayed. **THEY MUST HAVE NOTHING TO EAT AFTER MIDNIGHT on May 12th, 2021**

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Email address _____ Telephone Number(s): _____

I hereby authorize the performance of the following procedure(s) _____

I authorize the use of appropriate anesthesia and pain relief medication as needed for the procedure. I have read the information regarding the surgery and the understand the risks, including death, associated with the use of any medication. I understand that my pet will be supervised during recovery and I will be called when I can return to pick my cat up. I agree to indemnify and hold the vet and The Animal Welfare League of Frederick County harmless from and against any and all liability arising out of the performance the operation performed today. I have read and understand this authorization and consent to the procedure.

Signature _____ Print your name _____

Date _____

Phone Number where you can be reached today _____

***** YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO CONFIRM YOUR APPOINTMENT*****



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<p><i>Please complete the following back ground information about your cat(s) to the best of your ability. This information will be relayed to the vet before the surgery and will help ensure the most stress free experience for your cat. If you are bringing 2 cats, please fill out this information for each cat. Cat's Name</i></p>		
<p><i>Gender</i></p>		
<p><i>Age (Approx.)</i></p>		
<p><i>Coloring</i></p>		
<p><i>Indoor, Outdoor, Both?</i></p>		
<p><i>Can you hold this cat?</i></p>		
<p><i>Can you easily get this cat into a carrier?</i></p>		
<p><i>If a female, has she had kittens? If so, how many litters?</i></p>		
<p><i>Any known health issues? Please describe.</i></p>		
<p><i>Any other info you want us to know about this cat?</i></p>		

SPAY/NEUTER REMINDERS

Cat anesthesia is used in association with any type of procedure where it needs to be immobilized or during any type of surgery where the cat would otherwise feel pain. Cat sedatives allow us to keep your cat perfectly still and pain free during the surgery. During anesthesia, your cat will be in an unconscious state and will not feel any discomfort. A team of volunteers will monitor their recovery supervised by the veterinarian.

- Your cat should recover fairly quickly thanks to modern improvements in anesthetics. It's likely that they will be back to normal within minutes or hours. Your cat will probably be more tired when they get home, but this is due to the stress of the procedure more than the drugs. It's important that you follow any instructions your vet gives you when you leave to make sure your cat continues to recover properly. Please restrict activities for the next day.

PLEASE NOTE – for female cats

Cats in Heat

Cats who are in heat have an increased blood supply to both the uterus and the ovaries. This requires more sutures to tie off the blood vessels, making the surgery time longer and more difficult to perform. Additionally, the uterus changes texture because of the increased blood supply and breaks more easily. This also makes the surgery take longer. Because the surgery is more difficult for the cat, the recovery time is longer. For this reason, the cat **MUST** be kept indoors and every attempt must be made to keep her quiet, i.e. no playing with other cats, running, etc for at least 4 days.

Pregnant Cats

Cats who are pregnant have a substantially greater blood supply to both the uterus and the ovaries. Extra sutures are required to control these blood vessels. Additionally, the hormonal changes associated with removing the uterus from a pregnant cat make the post-operative period more challenging and extra fluids and other medications are often needed to support the cat. This means that the surgery time is longer and much more difficult to recover from than a spay where the cat is not pregnant. For this reason, a pregnant cat who has been spayed must be monitored closely for 5 days after the surgery. She must be kept confined and limited in running, jumping and other physical activity. Her appetite and water consumption should also be monitored.

If you have any questions, please email judya@awlfc.org or call 301-748-5983 please leave a message if you don't get an answer.