



SAYv Animal Org: Spay/Neuter Instructions for Fosters

Applies to all spay/neuter vets and locations:

SAYv will set up all spay/neuter appointments. You cannot call the vet for any reason. If you have any questions or concerns, please notify the SAYv team. We will get in trouble if this rule is not adhered to.

Before the surgery:

- Please let us know if your foster is sick several days prior to surgery (if they are sick the surgery cannot be performed)
- Please remind us if your foster pet is on any medications, vitamins, injections
- No food or water after 10pm the night before surgery

There is a cancellation fee which will be passed onto fosters or foster-to-adopters (we can cancel if it's far in advance but last minute/same week cancellations are an issue). The same applies for a late fee - **you have to arrive on time for both drop off and pick up or a fee will be charged. This is a fee that you will be responsible for paying if you are late or cancel less than 72 hours beforehand. There are no exceptions.**

The day of:

- Please don't mention adoption etc. as far as they know you're a **foster** dropping off which is the case even if you are foster-to-adopting. If you've changed the name(s) of the animal(s) you're bringing please refer to them using their SAYv Animal Org name(s). If you are unsure of their name(s) let us know and we can update you. The discount is for animals under the care of SAYv so we can't confuse the vet/make them think we are doing anything different.
- When you walk in or arrive, please state very clearly what animal(s) you are bringing (using the SAYv names) and state you are there for SAYv Animal Organization (pronounced "save"). An example – "Hello, my name is Sally and I have Lucky for SAYv Animal Organization."
- Cats only
 - Cats must be in separate labeled crates with name and "SAYv." (you can tape down a piece of paper to the carriers)
 - Try to ensure that cats use the litter box before leaving for surgery.
 - Ensure that the cat(s) are placed into carriers prior to exiting your home and getting into the car. Ensure the crate door is closed. Do not open the carrier in your car, especially if the car door is open.
- Dogs only
 - Be prepared to take your leash and collar back with you when you drop off. Bring it with you for pick up. They will not hold onto it for you. If someone else is picking up please remind them and ensure they have a leash and a collar (preferably harness)
 - Please do not let your foster dog out of your house until the leash and collar (preferably harness) is secured and the leash is in your hand. When dropping off your foster dog, don't fully open the car door until the leash is in your hands. Be very mindful that dogs will often try to run when they are scared.
 - If you have a foster dog that isn't dog friendly please notify the vet staff.
 - Make sure dogs are walked prior to arriving at the clinic, ensure that they go to the bathroom prior to arrival, once tranquilized they will have little to no ability to control their bowel movements. A good walk before will prevent a mess on your foster pet and the vet staff.



Miscellaneous:

- **Please send photos of any paperwork that you receive after spay/neuter ASAP to your respective group chat (text or Facebook).**
- If you are foster to adopting (FTA) you have to purchase an e-collar or cone, unless you are going to PAWS Chicago because they provide cones. These can be purchased on Amazon or most local pet stores. If you're a foster (not foster to adopt) please let us know if you have a cone or e-collar that you can use, if not please considering posting on local social media groups or Nextdoor asking for one from a neighbor. If not, please let us know so we can order you one (ordering will take several days). The pup/kitty should have the cone on anytime that he/she can't be directly observed. If your foster pet is being supervised it doesn't need the cone on but if left alone we recommend a cone. The cone prevents licking and infection on the incision. SAYv cannot be financially responsible for incision issues post surgery if issues are due to fosters' inappropriate observation/management or lack of cone use. If issues arise and an incision opens because a cone wasn't left on, you will have to pay for any and all medical costs associated with fixing this issue. If you have multiple foster pets, monitor them for suckling or bathing each other. No active play for at least 72 hours.
- **DOGS ONLY:** If you use a potty band it cannot be one that covers or interferes with the incision. This increases the chance of infection.
- If you have any questions after the procedure let us know and we can call the vet (**do NOT call them directly - everything needs to go through SAYv**).
- Expect them to be drowsy the first day and please let us know if you observe any other issues.
- Please be respectful and kind to the vet staff and personnel. They are doing a lot to help us SAYv animals and they deserve to be treated with respect.

Additional guidelines for post-surgery care

DIET

Do not feed your pet for the first 2 hours after arriving home. After this short wait, a small meal and a small amount of water (about ½ a normal-sized meal) can be offered. The regular diet may resume the next day. It is normal for your pet (excluding very young puppies and kittens) to refuse food for 24 hours post-surgery.

EXERCISE

It is imperative that your pet's activity be restricted for 10 days post-surgery. No running, jumping, playing, or stair climbing as this may cause the incision to open. Short leash walks are recommended for elimination only. Pets should be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry and warm.

ELIMINATION

It is normal to not have a bowel movement for several days post-op. This is fine as long as your pet is acting normal in all other respects. Urination should resume within 12-24 hours post-op.

WEAKNESS

Weakness after anesthesia and surgery may last for a few days post-op. After that, normal strength and activity should be evident. Please seek immediate medical attention if your pet is unable to stand, has gums that look pale, or has continuous bleeding from the incision site.

INCISION

External sutures were not used in today's procedure. The incision was closed with surgical skin glue. Your pet may want to lick at the incision area. An "E" collar may be purchased at any big-box pet store if your



pet is persistent in licking. Check the incision site once or twice daily to make sure it is healing without complication. Check for redness, swelling or discharge. A slight amount of redness or clear discharge may be normal for a few days post op.

You should not bathe the animal for at least 10 days after the surgery date.

If pain medications were dispensed please give the first dose the evening of the appointment. All pain medications should be given with food to avoid stomach upset.

ADOPT Naperville

adoptpetshelter.org

420 Industrial Drive, Naperville, IL 60563

Drop off: 9am – 9:30am

Pickup: 3pm – 4pm

CatNap from the Heart

catnapfromtheheart.org

1101 Beach Ave, La Grange Park, IL 60526

Drop off: 8am - 9am

Pickup: 3pm

*They may call you earlier to let you know they are finished and can be picked up.

When you drop off they will let you know of instructions for pickup if there's anything unique.

The day of:

- Call when you arrive you'll see a sign on their door confirming this and providing the phone number. Someone will come out.
- Say you're dropping off (animal's name) for SAYv Animal Organization.

Cobb & Co

cobb.vet

790 Summit St, Elgin, IL 60120

Drop off: 7:30am – 7:50am

Pick up: Technician will call you (usually around 4pm ish)

Unique day of surgery instructions/info:

- Please allow 10-15 minutes to check in your foster pet for their procedure.
- When you arrive, please call 847-741-6770 from the parking lot and remain in your vehicle.

Fox Valley Animal Welfare League

fvwal.org

11 John St Ste 1611, North Aurora, IL 60542

Drop off: 7:30am - 9am



Pick up: 4pm

Unique day of surgery instructions/info:

- Pain medication will be dispensed for all animals included with surgery unless declined.

PAWS Chicago

pawschicago.org

3516 W 26th St, Chicago, IL 60623

Dogs and puppies

Drop off: 6:45am-7:45am

Pick up: 3pm (unless advised otherwise)

Cats and kittens

Drop off: 9am-10am

Pick Ups: 4pm (unless advised otherwise)

Oak Elm

This location is only available for adopters that are okay with an added \$100 to their adoption fee. This clinic charges us much more than others

oakelmanimalhospital.com

1445 E Oakton St suite a, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Drop off: 9am - 9:30am

Pick up: 4pm - 5pm

SNIP Society

snipsociety.org

2201 Glenwood Ave #401, Joliet, IL 60435

Drop off: 7:30am - 9am

Pick up: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Unique day of surgery instructions/info:

- The surgeon will determine the surgical order based on species, sex, size and overall health condition, the order in which you arrive does not have any influence on the surgery order.
- If you add services at drop off you will be responsible for paying for the services.
- Sometimes your foster animal may be ready before the usual pick up window time. They will contact you if your foster pet will not be ready during the regular pick up time.

Spay Illinois

spayillinois.org

2787 Maple Ave., Lisle, IL 60532
(the Surgical Center)



Dogs and puppies

Drop off: 7am

Pick up: 3pm

Cats and kittens

Drop off: 7:30am

Pickup: 4:30pm

Unique instructions for the day of:

- Go to Spay Illinois Surgical Center and walk in to check in with your foster pet. Say you're dropping off (animal's name) for SAYv Animal Organization.
- If you have a dog that isn't dog friendly or may cause issues, you can call them and ask what they want you to do at drop off. If they don't answer then run in quickly and tell them that you have a non-dog-friendly dog and ask them what to do.
- They may give you aftercare instructions when you pick up.
- When you arrive please remove all leashes, harnesses and collars and ensure that those items are brought with you when you pick up your foster pet. If you are bringing a dog, if you have a slip lead please bring that as well (if not that's fine they will send you home with one and charge us \$3).
- If you are picking up a dog and a cat please arrive at 4:30pm.

Tree House Humane Society

treehouseanimals.org

7225 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60645

Dogs and puppies

Drop off: 8am – 8:30am

Pick up: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Cats and kittens

Drop off: 8am – 8:30pm

Pick up: 5pm – 5:30pm

Unique instructions for the day of:

- There is a parking lot as well as free parking around the facility if their parking lot is full
- The surgery entrance is not the same as the shelter entrance – the surgery entrance is located toward the back of the parking lot