

Spay-Neuter Assistance Program for Public Pets

Your SPCA Eastern Shore offers three programs to the public to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering your pet. Below you will find information on these three programs. The application is provided on this website for your convenience; you can print it, fill out all the information, and mail it along with your payment to guarantee a spot on the next available Clinic Day. Unfortunately, we must receive payment (cash or check ONLY) and paperwork before confirming an appointment.

Virginia Beach SPCA has a mobile surgery unit, the Neuter Scooter, which they bring to the Shore two days each month, always on a Thursday and Friday. They spay and neuter 22 pets on that day. Drop off, at the SPCA in Onley, is 8:00 am, with pick-up times after surgery of 1:00 pm for dogs, and 2:30 pm for cats. We are not able to board your pets overnight, so you have to make arrangements for your pet to be picked up on time, please.

THERE IS A DOG WEIGHT LIMIT OF 65 LBS. DOGS OVER THIS WEIGHT CAN'T BE SPAYED/NEUTERED ON THE MOBILE UNIT.

As always, if you need more information, please don't hesitate to call us at (757) 787-7385.

FREE ROAMING CATS PROGRAM

If you are feeding cats in your community that have no owner, this program is for you. It is only for cats. With the high euthanasia rate on the Shore, we encourage everyone to participate in this program. It will cut down on the needless killing of unwanted kittens.

The cost to spay or neuter a feral/colony cat is \$25.00 each plus an additional \$5.00 fee for a rabies vaccine, which is mandatory in the state of Virginia. These cats also need to be ear tipped so you can easily identify one that might get caught in your trap that has already been through surgery. This ear tip fee is \$2.00. The total fee for a feral/colony cat will be \$32.00 each. Feline combo tests (feline aids/leukemia) can be done at an additional cost of \$22.00.

The reason we are able to offer these lower prices is because we receive grants from The Two Mauds Foundation, Inc., and The Barbara J. Mapp Foundation. These grants pay the difference between your fee and the actual cost of the surgeries. We will continue to offer this program until the funds have been completely used.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For very low income individuals or families, we offer assistance with the cost of spaying or neutering of pets, either cat or dog. Without the assistance of the grants from The Two Mauds Foundation, Inc., and The Barbara J. Mapp Foundation, we would not be able to offer this program. The difference in your cost and the cost of surgery is again being paid for by these grants.

You will qualify for financial assistance if your household receives any of the following: foodstamps (EBT card), Medicaid, Section 8 Housing, Disability or WIC. If you receive Social Security or have very low income you may qualify for this program. We have to make a copy of the proof listed above; for income qualification, we need to copy the recent year tax form. You should use the "Financial Assistance" form.

Anyone qualifying for this program pays the fees listed below.

Cat \$15.00 (with proof of current rabies vaccine) If you need a rabies vaccine, you need to pay an additional \$5 to bring the total cost to \$20.00 (Rabies vaccines are MANDATORY)

Dog \$25.00 (with proof of current rabies vaccine) If you need a rabies vaccine, you need to pay an additional \$5 to bring the total cost to \$30.00 (Rabies vaccines are MANDATORY)

REGULAR FEE PROGRAM

For everyone who does not fit in the categories listed above, you can use our normal low cost program. Fees are listed below.

Cat \$65.00 with proof of current rabies vaccine. If you need a rabies shot, please add \$10.00, to bring the total to \$75.00. (Rabies vaccines are MANDATORY)

Dog \$75.00 with proof of current rabies vaccine. If you need a rabies shot, please add \$10.00, to bring the total to \$85.00. (Rabies vaccines are MANDATORY)

If your cat is pregnant, there will be an additional \$20.00 fee on the day of surgery.

If your dog is in heat (season) or pregnant, there will be an additional \$20.00 fee the day of surgery.

If your dog is between 50-65 lbs., there will be an additional \$20.00 fee on the day of surgery.

An example of the charges listed above: Your female dog weighs 60 lbs., needs a rabies shot, and is in season. You've already paid the SPCA \$85.00 when you made the appointment. You would be charged an additional \$40.00 when you pick up your dog because it was over the weight limit, and it's in season (heat).

OTHER VACCINES AND TESTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL FEES. If your pet has been spayed/neutered, you can purchase yearly vaccines, dewormers, flea prevention, microchip, etc. Heartworm prevention can be purchased if your dog has had a heartworm test within the past 12 months or has this test done at the time of purchase. NO appointment required-just come to the SPCA when the Neuter Scooter is here, from 10 am to 12 noon. Cash is the only payment the Neuter Scooter accepts.

We thank you for spaying or neutering your pet. It is the one sure way we can all help lower the euthanasia rate on the Eastern Shore. Every pet that is altered can never produce unwanted babies that may have to be put to sleep later because there are not enough homes for the animals being born.