

## CLINIC FAQ

Read through frequently asked questions related to the ACHS spay/neuter clinic

### **How old does my pet need to be to be spayed/neutered?**

Dogs and cats must be at least 8 weeks of age and weigh 2 or more pounds at the time of surgery.

### **I think my pet is pregnant, can they still be spayed?**

Pets can still be spayed if pregnant or in heat. Please text us at (740) 592-6047 OR email [spayneuter@gmail.com](mailto:spayneuter@gmail.com) and we will do our best to get you into the next available clinic.

### **Where is the clinic located?**

Clinics are ALWAYS held at 1 W Main St in Jacksonville. This is right on Route 13 and is approximately 15 minutes from central Athens.

### **Do I need to be an Athens County resident to use your clinic?**

Our spay/neuter clinics are open to anyone, regardless of income or county of residence. However, reduced rates are only available to qualifying Athens County residents.

### **What if I cannot make it to my scheduled spay/neuter date?**

You need to contact us at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled date to cancel or reschedule. If you do not contact us, you will lose your deposit and will need to re-register your pet and will most likely be waiting another 1-2 months. Not showing up for your scheduled date negatively impacts our clinics and the other cats and dogs patiently waiting to get in. You need to text (740) 592-6047 or email [spayneuter@athenshumane.org](mailto:spayneuter@athenshumane.org) to cancel.

### **What time do I drop off and pick up my pet?**

Drop off times are usually in the morning between 8a-9am. You will be given info on exact drop off time prior to your appointment. On the day of the surgery, one of our volunteers will call you when your pet is ready for pick up, this is usually late afternoon to early evening.

### **How do I care for my pet post-surgery?**

Every pet must be sheltered and kept in a warm (not hot) location for at least 24-48 hours after surgery due to inability to regulate body temperature post-surgery. Every pet should be kept inside, clean, and dry for at least one week after surgery to prevent infection and injury. Incision sites should be checked daily. Please plan to spend the evening post- surgery with your pet. All pets should be monitored the evening following their surgery. You will receive additional, specific instructions for your pet at the time of pick up

### **What if an issue arises after my pets spay/neuter?**

Our veterinarians are only available a handful of days a month. We do not have regular business hours or after-hours availability. If you have any health concerns post-surgery, you will need to follow up with your own local veterinarian or a 24-hour emergency clinic. A full list of local and emergency vets will be given to you the day of the clinic.