

Information on Pre-Spay/Neuter Adoptions

Thank you for adopting an animal from Austin Pets Alive!

If you are receiving this handout, you are taking home an animal who is not currently healthy enough and/or does not weigh enough to undergo spay/neuter surgery. **By taking this animal home now, you agree to help the pet recover in your home and to bring him/her back to Austin Pets Alive! for spay/neuter surgery when s/he is healthy and/or weighs enough.**

Please understand that the animal legally belongs to Austin Pets Alive! until the alteration surgery is complete and your adoption is officially processed. Your pet's readiness for spay/neuter surgery is at the discretion of an Austin Pets Alive! medical staff member.

In the meantime, *we are here for you!* Austin Pets Alive! is responsible for all of your pet's medical needs up until the time that s/he is altered and the adoption is officially processed.

Please contact the medical clinic if:

- The animal's current symptoms worsen
- *New symptoms or problems arise, especially vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, coughing, sneezing, has runny nose, or decreased appetite*
- The animal is on or near his/her last day of medications and you are still seeing symptoms
- The animal is healthy and ready for spay/neuter! **On the first day that your pet is 100% symptom-free please contact the clinic to schedule surgery. We require that animals are healthy for at least seven days before surgery.**

The APA! medical team can be reached at 512-466-0720 or via email at medtechs@austinpetsalive.org.

We are available seven days a week and are eager to help your pet feel better as soon as possible! Please make an appointment with the medical receptionist at medicalreception@austinpetsalive.org before bringing your animal into the APA! clinic.

We are located at 1156 W Cesar Chavez in Building C.

When your pet is healthy

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We typically perform spay/neuter surgeries on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Drop-off for surgery is 8:00 to 8:30 am; pick-up is 5:00 to 5:30 pm the same day. For adult pets, restrict all food after midnight the night before surgery. For puppies and kittens, you may give a quarter of their normal breakfast the morning of surgery. It is okay to offer water at any time to any pet.

Your surgery deposit will be returned after the surgery is complete. We will return it to you when you pick up your pet from surgery or you can arrange to have it sent in the mail from our administrative offices. You can also opt to donate your surgery deposit if you wish. You will receive information you need to activate your pet's microchip and one month of free pet insurance *after* s/he is spayed/neutered.