

RVHS Spay and Neuter Pet Requirements

- Pet must be free of signs of illness and diseases (no coughing, sneezing, diarrhea, skin lesions, nasal or ocular discharge) and must be a healthy weight. Underweight pets may be declined for surgery.
- pets can be altered at 2lbs (cats), 5lb (dogs) and over 8 weeks of age. Weight is a requirement, so even if your pet is 8 weeks old, they must weigh be of weight requirement.
- Any declined surgery due to pets poor health status will be charged an exam fee.
- Overweight or geriatric pets may require an IV catheter, bloodwork at owners' expense and in some cases, surgery may be postponed.
- Brachiocephalic dogs/cats meaning pet has a short nose, narrow nasal openings, and thickened throat tissue. Some brachycephalic pets breathe without problems; however, should your pet display signs of breathing difficulty on initial exam he will be declined for surgery.
- Any pet with live fleas will be treated with Capstar tablet(s) at owners' expense.
- All altered pets will have a **mandatory tattoo** except for community / feral cats, they will have an **ear tip** done on the left ear.
- For your cats safety, each pet must be in its own secure, clean, appropriate sized hard pet carrier. All feral cats must be a humane trap. Please don't allow your pet to roam freely in your vehicle and make sure the carrier is properly closed before opening doors or windows. If your pet is not properly secured, we will refuse service.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please stay in your vehicle until our staff is ready for your pet. Avoid dog to dog contact.
- No pet will be accepted if transported in an open flat bed of a truck.
- If you request an appointment and it is determined that your breed, sex, and/or weight of dog is significantly different than initially reported, your appointment may be denied, and you will be asked to schedule another appointment at the correct weight, breed or gender class. Having a correct balance of smaller/larger dogs, and male/female dogs, scheduled each day is vital for our ability to complete a surgical day on time.
- We limit scheduling to 3 pets per family for 1 day. One form submission is required for each pet. We may not always be able to accommodate more than 1 pet for the same day as we only have a set number of appointments that we can fill per day.
- Cryptorchid is when both testicles have not descended. Please check to see if your pet has two testicles and if not, indicate your findings when scheduling appointment.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to us at rvhsclinic@roguevalleyhumanesociety.org! Thank you!