

SNC Pre-Surgical Waiver

NHS Spay and Neuter Center uses qualified staffing and approved materials for all procedures. It is important for you to understand that the risk of injury or death, although extremely low, is always present just as it is for humans who undergo surgery. Carefully read and understand the following before checking the box on the appointment page.

I, acting as owner or agent of the pet named on the previous page, hereby request and authorize NHS Spay/Neuter Center, through whomever veterinarians they may designate, to anesthetize and perform an operation for sexual sterilization of the animal described. I also agree that the Veterinarian, at their discretion, may prescribe medication (including but not limited to compound medication or medication used in an off-label manner if said medication provides a clinical difference in the treatment of the animal.)

- I understand the NHS Spay Neuter Center has the right to refuse service to any animal to whom surgery is deemed a health risk.
- I understand that NHS Spay Neuter Center may not perform a complete physical examination before surgery is performed. I also understand that my animal will not receive pre-operative blood work and I waive my right to have this service performed prior to surgery at a full-service veterinarian clinic.
- I understand that some factors significantly increase surgical risk, including but not limited to, pregnancy, being in heat, and diseases such as heartworm, feline immunodeficiency virus, and feline leukemia.
- I understand that the sexual sterilization surgery (spay or neuter) my animal will undergo will render my animal unable to produce a litter of offspring at any time in the future. I understand that if my animal is pregnant, the pregnancy will be terminated.
- I understand that the operation presents some hazards and that injury to or death of such an animal may conceivably result, for there is some risk in the procedure and the use of anesthetics and drugs in providing this service.
- I understand that failing to keep my pet's vaccinations up to date puts my pet at risk for disease, including but not limited to: rabies, distemper, parvo/panleukopenia virus, and kennel cough/respiratory disease. I further understand that many variables affect vaccine efficacy, thus vaccines are not considered universally protective/effective meaning that sometimes a vaccinated pet will still contract the disease for which it was vaccinated. Furthermore, I understand that it takes 28 days for rabies vaccine to be considered protective. I waive all claims arising out of or connected with the performance of any vaccines administered at the NHS Spay and Neuter Center.
- I certify that my animal is in good health and has had no food since 12:00 midnight the evening prior to surgery. (Pets four months of age and under can have food up until 6:00am the day of surgery). I understand that my pet may be offered a small meal either before and/or after surgery, at the veterinarian's discretion.
- I understand that if I don't retrieve my pet at the agreed upon time, NHS Spay Neuter Center will turn the animal over to Nebraska Humane Society. NHS will acquire legal ownership of the

pet after five days from the agreed date of pick-up. Owners of pets left after pick-up date shall be charged a boarding fee of no less than \$16.00 per night. Owners of cats not picked up by 9:00 A.M. the day following surgery will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee. Owners of dogs not picked up by 5:00 P.M. the day of surgery will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

- I understand that if my animal has an open umbilical hernia, it will be repaired at the time of surgery for an additional fee.
- Unless otherwise noted, your pet will receive a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) to control post-operative pain.
- I understand it is my responsibility to comply with the written post operation instructions I receive at the time I pick up my pet, and that I be provided a verbal overview of said instructions at the time I pick up my pet.

I hereby release NHS Spay Neuter Center, the Nebraska Humane Society, all veterinarians, assistants, volunteers, managers, and employees from any and all claims arising out of or connected with the performance of this procedure or any adverse reactions from the vaccinations, requested below and or given during procedure. I agree that I have not and will not claim any right of compensation from them, or any of them, or file action by reason of such sterilization or attempted sterilization of such animal or any consequences related thereto. Owner/agent hereby agrees to indemnify and hold NHS Spay Neuter Center harmless for any damages caused during the transportation of the animal, or for any damages caused by any unforeseeable events including fire, vandalism, burglary, extreme weather, natural disaster or acts of God.

Your animal will receive a small tattoo on his/her underside to show that he/she has been sterilized.