



Animal Welfare League  
of Frederick County

**SPAY / NEUTER SURGERIES FOR CATS ONLY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Animal Welfare League (AWL) subsidizes this work to assist people who cannot otherwise afford to sterilize their cat(s) in Frederick County. Surgical sterilization is the only humane way to reduce the tragic cycle of feline reproduction, overpopulation, homelessness, and death. Please review the income guidelines shown below and then, if you are eligible, complete the information requested.

Size of Family Unit	Income Ceiling
1	\$26,000
2	\$35,000
3	\$43,000
4	\$52,000
5	\$61,000
6	\$70,000

**The cost is \$70 for a neuter (male) and \$80 for a spay (female).** We offer other services as noted below. We will require payment in full to issue you a referral voucher to a participating vet. A copy will be sent to you to confirm the time of the appointment by email. If you do not have email, one will be mailed to you. You may pay online using PayPal services for a \$3.00 processing fee. If you prefer, you can mail it or drop payment by our adoption center/office, in our mail slot on the door, or when we are open on the weekends, noon to 5pm on Saturday and noon to 4pm on Sunday. Make the check payable to Animal Welfare League, or AWLFC. Our address is 1202 East Patrick Street, Ste 13A, Frederick, MD 21701.

**Please note:** All cats must be 4months old. Rabies and distempers vaccinations are only available in conjunction with the surgery. They are not offered separately. The vet will require proof of a current rabies vaccine if none is requested.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Male cats to be neutered at \$70/cat

Female cats to be spayed at \$80/cat

Rabies vaccine at \$10/cat

Distemper vaccine at \$15/cat

*Your signature above confirms you have read the information regarding a spay / neuter and any additional services requested your cat. The role of AWL is only to help with this process. The care of your cat is between you and the vet doing the surgery. Any additional charges as noted below will be paid directly with the veterinarian at discharge.*



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*Please complete the following back ground information about your cat(s) to the best of your ability. This information will be relayed to the vet doing the surgery and will help ensure the most stress free experience for your cat. If you are bringing multiple cats, please fill out this information for each cat.*

<i>Cat's Name</i>			
<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Age (Approx.)</i>			
<i>Coloring</i>			
<i>Indoor, Outdoor, Both?</i>			
<i>Can you hold this cat?</i>			
<i>Can you easily get this cat into a carrier?</i>			
<i>If a female, has she had kittens? If so, how many litters?</i>			
<i>Any known health issues? Please describe.</i>			
<i>Any other info you want us to know about this cat?</i>			



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## **SPAY/NEUTER REMINDERS**

- You will be responsible to confirm your appointment with the vet once the appointment has been made.
- Withhold food and water after 10pm the night before surgery. If you are bringing an outdoor cat, put it in your house/garage the night before the clinic so it does not eat and to ensure that you can locate and contain it the morning of the clinic.
- Your referral / voucher will include directions to the vet. Drop off is typically between 8am and 9am and pick up will be determined by the vet. Please make sure you confirm those details.
- Cats must be contained in a clean carrier. Please remove any collars.
- If you cannot make your appointment, please call the vet to reschedule and let us know the new date so we can update your records. Notify [judya@awlfc.org](mailto:judya@awlfc.org) or call 301-748-5983

If you have any questions, our program coordinator, Judy Aird can be reached at 301-748-5983 or [judya@awlfc.org](mailto:judya@awlfc.org).

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## **Additional Discharge Directions and Explanation of Issues Related to Cats in Heat and Pregnant Cats**

### Cats in Heat

If your cat is in heat there will be an additional charge of \$ 30.00

Cats who are in heat have an increased blood supply to both the uterus and the ovaries. This requires more sutures to tie off the blood vessels, making the surgery time longer and more difficult to perform. Additionally, the uterus changes texture because of the increased blood supply and breaks more easily. This also makes the surgery take longer. Because the surgery is more difficult for the cat, the recovery time is longer. For this reason, the cat **MUST** be kept indoors and every attempt must be made to keep her quiet, i.e. no playing with other cats, running, etc for at least 4 days.

### Pregnant Cats

If your cat is pregnant there will be an additional charge of \$ 20.00

Cats who are pregnant have a substantially greater blood supply to both the uterus and the ovaries. Extra sutures are required to control these blood vessels. Additionally, the hormonal changes associated with removing the uterus from a pregnant cat make the post-operative period more challenging and extra fluids and other medications are often needed to support the cat. This means that the surgery time is longer and much more difficult to recover from than a spay where the cat is not pregnant. For this reason, a pregnant cat who has been spayed must be monitored closely for 5 days after the surgery. She must be kept confined and limited in running, jumping and other physical activity. Her appetite and water consumption should also be monitored.