



KCCP – High Volume Spay Neuter Clinic

You will be required to sign a waiver upon check in. We take the best care of your cat that is humanly possible but at times unknown risks present themselves in a bad outcome. Please read this carefully so you can make an informed decision when scheduling your pet/community cat for surgery. We not the best option for higher-risk kitties, senior kitties and those with a history of medical issues. KCCP reserves the right to refuse surgery if a health risk to kitty is determined.

What we Do/Don't Do:

- 1) Physical Exam/Vet Consultation/Cage Assessment.** There is an area on your drop off sheet where you can write your concerns but there is no opportunity to discuss your pet's health concerns with the vet prior to surgery. Our veterinarian and staff perform a quick cage side assessment of the kitty to make sure no apparent health issues that would preclude the kitty from having the surgery.
- 2) Before Surgery Monitoring.** Our volunteers monitor all kitties after check-in to ensure they are safe and not in distress. As the kitties are moved into the bus for pre-surgery checks the veterinary assistants continue to monitor.
- 3) Short Surgery Duration.** Our surgeries typically take 5-10 minutes per cat reducing the need for some of the specialized items and equipment listed below. This allows us to do 30-50 surgeries a day.
- 4) After Surgery Monitoring.** Our staff monitors the kitties for a minimum of 2 hours after surgery to ensure there are no apparent issues and then owner will be notified to pick up. Most consistent time we see complications is right before and right after surgery in recovery. Our veterinary assistants monitor multiple cats and it's possible that a minute or two (or more) may go by without this difficulty being noticed.
- 5) No Bloodwork before surgery.** Bloodwork helps identify various risks, which anesthetic drugs to use and/or whether your cat can even safely have surgery. Typically, young healthy cats do not have an underlying medical condition (liver or kidney disease or bleeding disorder, etc.) so bloodwork is not essential.
- 6) No Monitoring CO2 levels, ECG, blood pressure, body temperature during surgery.** A pulse-oximeter is the only monitoring device present, revealing heart rate and oxygen profusion in the blood during surgery. Again, with length of surgery this type of monitoring is not essential.
- 7) No IV catheter/fluids.** Fluids provide assistance with blood pressure stability and perfusion to organs. If your kitty has blood pressure issues there is a chance that the surgery may cause damage to organs which may not be apparent for days or weeks after your kitty goes home. Most young healthy kitties will not have this problem.
- 8) Lower Overhead.** Our overhead is our bus, medication and supplies for just spay/neuters and our direct support staff. We are set up for only one procedure, spay/neuters for cats and process our surgeries in more of an efficient assembly line process reducing our overhead and costs. This allows us to provide needed services to our community on a donation basis. Veterinary clinics are brick and mortar locations with support staff and specialized equipment to test and treat any type of situation for various types of animals. They handle everything from routine checkups to complicated surgeries and are best for spay/neuter if kitty is senior or has known medical issues.