Animal Care Center

Feral Cat Spay and Neuter Day

Date:

The following are the requirements for participation in our feral cat spay/neuter day.

* The event will be held at The Animal Care Center at 1626 Sharp Springs Rd in Winchester.  The cost for each cat is **$55,** **payable at drop-off by check, cash, or credit card**.
* We have reserved a specific number of slots for your feral cats; a few more or less is expected since trapping is unpredictable.  We will do our very best to get all the cats done that are brought in, but we will be seeing sick patients and emergencies for appointments and emergencies must take precedent over the feral cats.
* All cats must be in traps or carriers.  They must arrive at the clinic between 8-8:30 a.m., and must be picked up between 4:30-5p.m.
* We will FELV/FIV test all cats and euthanize all positives.
* We will vaccinate all negative-tested cats for rabies using 1 year vaccine (killed, adjuvanted vaccine that is labeled for 1-year rabies protection).
* We will spay/neuter all negative-tested cats over 3# (cats weighing less will be spayed/neutered at our discretion based on physical exam and overall health).
* We will ear-tip the left ear of all negative-tested cats that are spayed/neutered, and each will receive an injectable pain medication that will last 3-4 days.
* We recommend that all cats undergoing surgery be withheld food from midnight the night before surgery if possible.
* We recommend that all cats undergoing surgery be confined in a warm, dry place (in their traps is fine) with a small meal overnight after surgery.  The exception to this is nursing mothers, who should be re-released unless her kittens are also trapped and put with her after recovery from surgery.
* We will use the safest effective anesthetic and analgesic protocol, but anesthesia is never 100% safe and death can occur.  Furthermore, animals recovering from anesthesia can be unpredictable in their behavior or mentation, and we cannot be responsible for any non-employees who are bitten or scratched.  Volunteers should expect that recovering cats may act uncoordinated, drool, roll from side to side, vocalize, etc., and that they should not panic.  Our emergency number will be provided for questions overnight, but we ask that calls be confined to critical questions only.

Because of our test-and-euthanize policy, as well as the requirement that all cats be ear-tipped, we cannot emphasize strongly enough that **this is an event for feral/stray cats only**.  If anyone is uncertain whether the cat they have trapped is feral, they should ask themselves, **"Will anyone miss this cat if it is euthanized today?"**--and if the answer is yes, it is not a feral cat, and should not be brought to this event.

I agree to the statements listed above \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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