

Spay/Neuter Guidelines for Animal Surgery Candidates on PETA's Mobile Clinics

Not every companion animal is a good surgical candidate for our clinics. Some dogs and cats, e.g., seniors, those with specific medical conditions, etc., are better served by being spayed or neutered in a full-service veterinary facility that can better meet their specific needs. Please note the following qualifying criteria prior to requesting an appointment with our clinics:

- All animals must be at least 3 months old and under the age of 6 years and 11 months. Pre-operative bloodwork is recommended for older animals though not mandatory.
- All animals must weigh at least 3 pounds and no more than 80 pounds.
- Taller breeds, such as Siberian huskies, German Shepherds, Mastiffs, etc., may be rejected if their height prevents them from fitting comfortably in our cages.
- We will not perform surgery on animals with any known illness, injury, or medical condition that may increase surgical risk, including but not limited to heart murmurs, blood, endocrine or seizure disorders, or if the animal is on certain medications that increase risks under anesthesia.
- We will not perform surgery on animals who behave aggressively toward people or other animals.
- We will not perform surgery on English bulldogs, French bulldogs or bulldog mixes because of their flat snouts and elongated soft palates specific to the breed. All other dogs with flat faces, such as Pekingese, Pugs, Shih tzu, etc., may be rejected if their anatomy increases the likelihood of respiratory distress during surgery and recovery.
- We will not perform surgery on dogs belonging to breeds predisposed to VonWillebrand disease such as Rottweilers and Dobermans, unless they have a negative blood test from their regular veterinarian. We also do not do Great Danes due to their predisposition to bloat. We feel that Great Danes should have their stomach tacked at the same time they are spayed/neutered at a private veterinary facility.
- Due to extended surgical time, we will not neuter on abdominal cryptorchid dogs over 50 pounds.

PLEASE NOTE: The decision to allow an animal to have surgery on our clinics is at the sole discretion of the attending veterinarian and licensed staff. They will make the best decision for your animal's safety and well-being and may refuse to perform any procedure on any animal for any reason.