

DuPage County Animal Care and Control

Low Income Spay / Neuter Program

Qualifying Residents

The DuPage County Animal Care and Control Low Income Spay / Neuter Program is specifically designed to help DuPage County families. State mandated fees have been collected to create a Pet Population Control Fund. The state mandated criteria was designed to help families participating in the food stamp program throughout Illinois sterilize their pets. DCACC has chosen to organize this effort *locally* in partnership with area Veterinarians to minimize the number of unwanted litters of puppies and kittens in the community.

DCACC Involvement:

DCACC staff will answer all questions regarding the program. DCACC staff will match qualified clients / patients with area veterinarians. DCACC will provide a voucher to qualified clients to bring with them the day of the procedure to the participating veterinarian that will perform the surgery and pre-surgical work. The voucher will be valid for 6 months from the day of their program approval visit at DCACC and must be presented the day of the procedure. Duplicate vouchers will not be issued.

Veterinarian Participation:

Participation in the program by DuPage County veterinarians is voluntary. The program will be in place as long as funding is available. Any DuPage County veterinarian who chooses to participate in the program must abide by the program standards, and be licensed in good standing to practice veterinary medicine in Illinois. The program standards are in place to ensure that uniform and high quality care is offered to patients. Veterinarians / Hospital Staff will approve all documentation provided by DCACC, to ensure client eligibility and provide pre-surgical requirements at the time of the spay / neuter appointment. Participating veterinarians will provide all of the vaccination, microchip and fecal exam requirements while funding is available. Veterinarians will perform pre-surgical blood-work including heartworm test, and FeLV/FIV test. The client will complete all hospital consent forms and typical paperwork the day of the procedure. The veterinarian may cancel or postpone the procedure due to any reason deemed necessary according to their professional judgment.

Animal Health:

Included in the program is a pre-surgical evaluation, updating of the vaccines and implantation of a microchip by the participating veterinarian. Any animal participating in the program for spay / neuter must be free of any contagious disease, and generally in good health the day of the scheduled procedure. As stated above, the veterinarian may postpone or cancel the spay / neuter procedure should an animal be deemed in poor health or without proper pre-surgical care as outlined in the program standards, or for any other reason deemed necessary according to their professional judgment.

Program Funding:

Funding for the program is from new revenue collected through animal control agencies across the state, starting in January 2006 according to Public Act 94-0639, the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act (aka, “Anna’s Law”), which established a state wide low income spay / neuter program. Funds may be either used in the county of origin or made available for the statewide program. All funds raised in DuPage County, according to Anna’s Law, will be available for use in DuPage County. The program will be limited by the available funding on an annual basis, and available on a first come basis.

Procedure:

Step One: Resident must qualify for program through proof of residency and proof of currently participating in the food stamp program and receive voucher from DCACC.

Step Two: Appointment made at participating veterinary hospital

Step Three: Pre-surgical evaluation, updated vaccines, microchip and spay / neuter Surgery.

Step Four: Veterinarian receives reimbursement according to established payment schedule. Rabies tags will be issued by DuPage County Animal Control

Canine Pre-Surgical Requirements

Client should submit proof of the following immunizations and tests to the participating area veterinarian, at the time of the spay / neuter visit if applicable

Immunizations Performed by Participating Vet (Funding is limited, and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis)	Time Period	Additional Comments
	All immunizations must be up to date at time of spay / neuter	Can be done day of procedure
5-way distemper	Puppy series or adult booster within past 12 months	May be some variation, vet to determine if current
Rabies vaccination	1 year within past 12 months 3 year within past 36 months	Must have current rabies tag,
Bordatella	Within past 6 months	Intranasal or sub-q
Negative fecal	Within 30 days of procedure	Within 12 months if proof of year-round parasite prevention
Participating Vet	Heartworm Test	Additional Comments
All pre-surgical blood-work including a heartworm test will be provided the day of the surgery	Within 6 months of procedure (If not current, will be included with pre-surgical blood work)	Proof of 12 months of year-round parasite prevention the test is not required.

Feline Pre-Surgical Requirements

Client should submit proof of the following immunizations and tests to the participating area veterinarian, at the time of the spay / neuter visit if applicable

Immunizations Performed by Participating Vet (Funding is limited, and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis)	Time Period	Additional Comments
	All immunizations must be given 15 days prior to spay / neuter	Can be done day of procedure
FVRCP (Feline distemper)	Kitten series or adult booster within past 12 months	May be some variation, vet to determine if current
Rabies vaccination	1 year within past 12 months 3 year within past 36 months	Must have current rabies tag
Negative fecal	Within 30 days of procedure	Within 12 months if proof of year-round parasite prevention
Participating Vet	FeLV/Fiv Test	Additional Comments
All pre-surgical blood-work including a FeLV / FIV test will be provided the day of the surgery	IF done within 6 months of procedure not required. (If not current, will be included with pre-surgical blood work)	No Additional Charge for pre-surgical blood work or FeLV/ FIV test.

Surgical Requirements Canine & Feline

Procedure	Description	Additional Comments
Pre-Surgical Examination	Performed by veterinarian, day of procedure	
Pre-Surgical Blood-work including heartworm test and FeLV/FIV test	BUN, Creat, ALT, Alk Phos, GLU, Na, K, PCV, Heartworm Test or FeLV/FIV test. Performed by veterinarian, day of procedure	Additional tests may be recommended, depending on patient age and general health
IV catheterization	Not required	Used at veterinarians discretion
Standard Induction & Gas Anesthesia	Isoflurane or Sevoflurane	
Surgical Monitoring	Respiratory and cardiac monitoring	
Pre-Operative Pain Management	NSAID minimally	Use of additional pain medications will be at the veterinarians discretion
Post-Operative Recovery	Under supervision of trained staff	
Release	Post-Operative Instructions given to client, including emergency care information.	Complications will be managed by hospital providing services unless they arise after-hours