

Pre-operative instructions

We look forward to seeing you and your pet for spay (females) and/or neuter (males) surgery at City of Boston Animal Care and Control (26 Mahler Rd, Roslindale 02131). Please carefully review the material below.

Please do not offer food or treats to your pets after 12pm the night before surgery. Puppies and kittens (under 4 months of age) can have a light breakfast the morning of surgery. All pets should have access to water.

What to expect-

- Please plan to arrive at the shelter between 8:15 and 9am. *Pets will not be accepted after 9am without prior arrangement.* Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in a carrier.
- We will call when your pet is ready to go home, pickup time is typically between 3-3:30pm. We will notify you if your pet is ready sooner.
- Cats get injection pain meds during surgery; dogs will have post-op pain meds to start the following morning, and we will explain other instructions at that time.
- Prior to the surgery date, please purchase an Elizabethan collar (e-collar or cone) at a pet store and bring it with you to pick up your pet. This is important to prevent licking at the incision.
- Please bring payment at drop off. We accept checks and money orders.

If you have any questions, concerns or if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please call us at 617.635.1800. Please note that if you are having your surgery paid for by a Massachusetts Animal Fund voucher that changing the date of your surgery may cause your voucher to become invalid.