



Guidelines for Spay and Neuter Assistance Program

Safe Paws promotes the spaying and neutering of animals to help control the pet overpopulation and homeless crisis. Female kittens and puppies can enter their first heat cycle and become pregnant between four and six months old, which means it's critical for everyone to do their part as early as possible.

We know this critically important procedure is expensive and simply out of reach for many in today's climate. By offering assistance to accessible medical care, we can help keep pets out of shelters, off of the death row, and with the people who love them.

To tackle this crisis head on and support the community, **we're covering 100% of the cost of feline or canine spays and neuters to approved applications.**

Please read the below guidelines for the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program

* Submitting an application does not guarantee approval nor does it guarantee that your pet will be spayed or neutered.

* Currently, the services provided by the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program and Bondurant Animal Clinic are designed to serve pet families in need of support in central Iowa. The areas currently eligible are:

- Altoona
- Ames
- Ankeny
- Bondurant
- Boone
- Des Moines

* Dogs must be at least 12 weeks old in good health and cats must be at least 3lbs in good health to be spayed or neutered.

* These are the only services covered by a voucher in the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program. **All other services are the responsibility of the pet owner.**

- Pre-op Exam
- Anesthesia
- Spay or Neuter Surgery performed by a licensed veterinarian
- Nail Trim
- Ear Cleaning
- Post-op Pain Medication and Instructions

* Animals that are sick or have other ailments at the time of surgery will be denied.

* **Participating clinics require all pets to be current on the rabies and distemper vaccines.** Please bring your pet's medical records to your spay/neuter appointment. You will be required to purchase these vaccines at the time of your appointment if your pet is not current or you do not bring proof of vaccination.

* Participants agree to not adopt additional pet(s) while participating in Spay and Neuter Assistance Program. Safe Paws will not adopt any animal in their care to participants of the Spay and Neuter Assistance Program for six (6) months after the last use.