

SPAY/NEUTER SURGERY APPOINTMENTS

All Maryland SPCA foster animals must be spayed or neutered to be cleared for adoption. The spay neuter surgeries are performed at our on-site Spay/Neuter Clinic (aka 'Pumphouse').

You will receive an email from the Foster Team to sign your foster animal up for their spay/neuter surgery once they are ready.

If you have any questions regarding scheduling, the spay/neuter surgery process, drop-off/pick-up/post-op instructions, etc., please email the Foster Team at foster@mdspca.org

SPAY/NEUTER DROP-OFF INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Drop off time:** 7:30am – 8:30am. If you need an alternative drop off time, email the foster team at least 24 hours in advance to make necessary arrangements.
- **Address:** 3300 Falls Rd, Baltimore MD 21211. The Spay/Neuter Clinic is on the MD SPCA campus, located in the main parking lot.
- **NO FOOD AFTER MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY AND NO BREAKFAST THE MORNING OF.** Kittens under the age of 4 months can have a light breakfast before surgery.
- When you arrive, park in a designated Spay/Neuter space in front of the clinic and call the number on the green sign. A surgery tech will retrieve your foster(s) from you in the parking lot.
- **To avoid confusion with our public, spay/neuter clients, please tell the technician that you are a MD SPCA Foster Parent and tell them your pet's shelter name.**

PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS:

- Animals that are approved to return to foster after spay/neuter surgery are ready for pick up from the Spay/Neuter Clinic between 3:00pm – 4:30pm. If you need a later pick up time, please email the Foster Team to arrange a time to pick up the animal from the shelter.
- When you arrive, pull into a designated Spay/Neuter parking space in front of the clinic and call the number on the green sign. When the tech answers, let them know that you are a MD SPCA Foster Parent picking up your foster animal. Be sure to give them the name of the pet(s) you are picking up.
- A tech will bring your foster animal(s) out to your car and will give you any post-surgery medications and instructions if applicable.
- If you are picking your foster animal up from the shelter later in the day, pull into a parking spot in the Foster Area and call the Foster Hotline. A Foster Coordinator will bring your foster animal(s) out to you.
- Post-Surgery Instructions can be found here: <https://www.mdspca.org/resource/post-op-instructions/>

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IMPORTANT SURGERY REMINDERS/NOTES:

- **Kittens must be at least 1.5 lbs and healthy for surgery.** If your kittens are underweight, on medications, or getting sick, please let us know as they will need a tech/vet check at the shelter before being cleared for surgery.
- **PERSONALITY PROFILES MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME OF SURGERY!**
- [Cat/Kitten Personality Profile Form](#)
- [Dog/Puppy Personality Profile Form](#)
- **Foster kittens will STAY at the shelter after spay/neuter surgery** either for adoption or to go to an adoption event. Foster kittens will not return to foster after surgery unless approved or requested by a Foster Coordinator, or the pet is on hold for a friend of the foster.

KITTEN SURGERY AND FRIEND OF FOSTER ADOPTION INFO:

- To streamline the "Friend of Foster" Kitten Adoptions throughout kitten season we are updating our Friend of Foster Kitten Adoption processes!! ****THIS ALSO APPLIES TO PUPPIES! ****
- To place your foster kitten(s) on hold for your 'friend' we need the following:
 - You **MUST** be able to pick up and hold onto your foster kitten(s) after surgery and continue to foster them until the friend of foster adoption is finalized and the adopter can pick them up from your home.
 - If you **CANNOT** hold onto your foster kitten(s) after surgery and need them to stay at the shelter afterwards, we **CANNOT** place the kitten(s) on hold. Effective March 2023, kittens staying in the shelter after surgery **CANNOT** be placed on hold.
 - We need the adopter's information emailed to foster@mdspca.org **NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO SURGERY DROP OFF.**
 - After you send us the adopter's information, the Foster Team will email them the application link.