

St. Augustine Humane Society

This is why our Low-Cost Spay Neuter Clinic is also High Quality

- Pre-surgical exams on all pets by a licensed veterinarian
- Drug protocol developed by a board-certified anesthesiologist
- Cats and dogs have separate intake areas and kennels
- Cats are in sound mitigated room with Feliway stress reducing products throughout
- After cats receive exam they are placed in Shor-line cubicles with personal fleece blankets for comfort and have an added antibacterial environment. After recovery, they are placed in their personal carriers that are inspected for cleanliness and sanitized as needed
- Pre-op anxiolytic cocktail for all cats to decrease stress before sx procedure
- Feral cats housed in a separate room with surgeries at end of day to prevent contamination
- We have six anesthesia machines with central med gas and scavenger system installation
- All cats receive intra-op oxygen throughout procedure
- We have three autoclave machines for steam sterilization of sx packs
- Each animal receives an individual sterile sx pack and suture pack. We maintain 90 sx packs at all times to ensure sterility
- Accelerated H2O2 solution is used to thoroughly sanitize between pets
- All stainless sx tables are heated. Additional Bair Hugger forced air heat is added as needed
- We're able to address urgent surgical issues as needed, such as mass removals, pyometra, dental extractions, wound care, obstructions, bladder stones, etc. occurring at the time of s/n surgery. We administer long-acting ear medication, treat ear mites, and use injectable antibiotic
- We have dental x-ray and full body x-ray for diagnostics
- Monitoring equipment includes: E+CO2, pulse-oximetry, indirect blood pressure, ECG, and thermometer checks
- All animals receive post-op pain medication, even feral cats. Compounded long-acting opioids for cats (no pilling)
- Average cat anesthesia total time is 20 minutes; surgery time is 5 to 10 minutes
- We have multiple recovery techs on duty to monitor each pet personally as it comes out of sx. Using heat pads,
 rice bags, Bair Hugger heat. Vitals are taken and recorded by techs every 5 minutes, until completely recovered.
- Our surgical technicians have been employed continuously by SAHS for 8+ years. Vets and support staff are ASPCA Spay Neuter Alliance trained