



VC SNAP (Valencia County Spay and Neuter Assistance Partnership)

Homeless Animal Rescue Team (HART), Spay-Neuter Coalition of NM, and All For Animals in concert with Valencia County Animal Shelter

SPAY OR NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFYING INCOME AND NEW MEXICO RESIDENCY

In order to qualify for this program, you must be a Valencia County resident and your current household income must not exceed 200% of the current federal poverty level guidelines as listed on the attached affidavit. The VC SNAP Program, our volunteers, our veterinarians, or any grantors, will not share your personal information. We only use it to ensure you qualify for the program.

You will be required to pay your co-pay for each pet, **prior to your appointment(s) in order to hold your spot**. If you fail to cancel 24 hours prior to your appointment, your co-pay will be forfeit. If you mail your application in and can't do PayPal, we will call you for a card number and send you a receipt. If you reschedule, your co-pay will be applied to your rescheduled appointment. **The co-pay must be paid 48 hours after scheduling or you will lose your spot**. Your co-pay will cover the procedure, rabies and combo vaccines, if needed, a cone and pain control as needed. If your pet has a retained testicle, is pregnant, has a uterine infection or in heat you may have to pay an extra fee at pick up. You may have the option to add a microchip or pain medication at extra cost, that is not included in your voucher. If your pet has already received their rabies vaccine, please bring a copy of their rabies certificate so the vaccine isn't given again. If you would like the rabies and/or combo vaccines, please check them on your intake form at the clinic, they will be covered under the voucher.

If your dog shows extreme aggression or bites, you will be charged a bite fee of \$50-\$150 at pick up. If the bite breaks the skin, your dog may be put on a 10 day rabies quarantine.

You will need to fill out an application and waiver for EACH animal you would like to have spayed or neutered and include a photo of your pet with the application and one income affidavit per household. Please be honest on the application form. If you do not know your pet's age, weight, or breed, please provide your best estimate. All questions on the application are there to identify your pet for our records or to ensure your pet's safety. The health of your pet is especially important to us, which is why we have to know any current or past health issues. There are risks that come with any procedure involving anesthesia. These risks can range from nausea and diarrhea to death. While serious complications are rare, they can occur, especially if your pet has an undiagnosed illness.

Please keep in mind that we can only do pets from 14 weeks to 5 years of age. If your pet has recently given birth, you will need to wait 8-14 weeks from the day she gave birth to allow her a chance to heal.

Bathe your pet prior to surgery and make sure they are flea and tick free. If your pet has ticks or shows signs of tick-borne illness, you will be turned away until your pet receives treatment. Tick disease causes excessive bleeding during surgery. Treatment consists of removing ticks carefully, making sure you get the heads to prevent infection or disease, spot on treatment and an antibiotic if your pet is showing signs of illness. Do not attempt to burn them off or use chemicals as it does not dislodge the ticks but will cause them to regurgitate its contents back into your pet, causing infection and disease.

Your voucher may be fully or partially subsidized by a grant. If so, information such as your last name, zip code, income level and pet's information will be shared with the grantor upon their request. They will not share your information.

As soon as your paperwork is received, we will contact you to let you know if you have qualified. We will let you know what your co-pay will be and send the voucher to you as well as the assigned veterinarian. Please keep in mind that we are limited by funding, so the quicker we receive your completed application, the better chance you will not be wait-listed. Contact us if you have questions.

We may use the photo you sent us or a photo of your pet sent for the application or taken at clinic in order to advertise or fundraising, if you do not want your pet to be a VC SNAP model, please let us know. If you would like your pet to be featured, just let us know and send a little about the pet. Personal details will not be used.

Make sure you completely fill out and sign all application form documents and proof of residency (utility bill or similar), as well as a picture of your pet. Incomplete applications will not be processed. You can email the paperwork back to spayneuternm@gmail.com, pictures of each page is fine, or by mail:

Spay-Neuter Coalition of NM

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