



Low Cost Spay and Neuter Programs

Caldwell Humane Society, Inc. is a public charity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We do not have a physical location. Do NOT go to Horizons Elementary or Freedman Cultural Center between 7am and 4pm. Our volunteers are only there for Tuesday night reservation sessions.

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Thank you for your interest in our low-cost spay/neuter programs. **Caldwell Humane Society partners with the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance in Asheville to offer spay and neuter services at reduced costs.** We appreciate the continued support of our local veterinarians: Caldwell Animal Hospital, Hudson Animal Hospital & Lenoir Veterinary Hospital. Please see your veterinarian regularly for the continued good health of your pet.

What is the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance?

The ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance is a nonprofit spay/neuter clinic located in Asheville, NC that provides spay and neuter surgeries to cats and dogs at reduced costs. Anyone, regardless of income, may use this service. Animals are picked up in Caldwell County, transported to Asheville for surgery, and returned the next day.

Is financial aid available?

Yes, we have two financial aid programs.

The **SPOT** (Stop Pet Overpopulation Today) program is a local program, with qualification based on household income.

The **ICARE** program is a Caldwell County/State of NC program, with qualification based on EBT, Medicaid, or household income criteria.

Both financial aid programs are for residents of Caldwell County only. You may apply for help only for your own pets. Our regular (without financial aid) rate is available to the general public without regard to residency.

Fees For Low Cost Spay and Neuter Surgery

Regular Rate, Without Financial Aid

\$50 per cat or dog
\$10 for a rabies vaccine (required unless you have a valid rabies certificate, not just a tag)

Financial Aid Rate for SPOT Program

\$25 per cat or dog
\$10 for rabies vaccine (required unless you have a valid rabies certificate, not just a tag)

Financial Aid Rate for ICARE Program

\$0 per cat or dog
\$10 for rabies vaccine (required unless you have a valid rabies certificate, not just a tag)

Only two pets at a time can be sent under the ICARE program. Clients may qualify for the SPOT or Regular Rate to send additional pets on the same clinic as the two ICARE pets. Clients also have the option of using the ICARE program again after a waiting period has elapsed.

We accept only cash or personal check as method of payment.

ALL FEES must be paid at the reservation session when paperwork is completed in order to receive a clinic appointment.

Other basic vaccines/services are available for animals having surgery. Prices listed above are subject to change if the ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance changes its fee schedule. ICARE qualification criteria are subject to change if NC changes the program terms.

How do I make an appointment for my pet?

Caldwell Humane Society does not have a physical location. We use the Freedman Cultural Center (located at Horizons Elementary School, 332 Greenhaven Dr) in Lenoir to hold reservation sessions. At the reservation sessions, we meet with clients, do clinic paperwork, and assign clinic dates. Do **not** bring your pet to the Freedman Cultural Center.

Reservation sessions are generally held on the first and second Tuesday nights of the month from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Do not go to the Freedman Cultural Center at any other time. Our volunteers are only there at the times of reservation sessions. This schedule is subject to change based on facility availability, holidays, weather, etc. Schedule changes are announced via Caldwell Humane Society's Facebook page.

At the reservation session, clients sign in based on order of arrival. Volunteers then work with clients one-on-one to evaluate qualification for financial aid, complete paperwork, and assign clinic appointments. Clinics are held approximately once every four weeks.

At times, the reservation sessions are extremely busy, and we may not have time to help all the clients who have signed in. Should this happen, the clients who have not been helped will be put at the top of the sign in list for the next reservation session.

All appointments must be paid for at the time the appointment is made. We accept only cash and personal checks as method of payment.

If your pet needs to have surgery immediately, you can contact the Humane Society of Catawba County at (828) 464-2349 or Watauga Humane Society at (828) 264-7865. Both of these groups have paid employees and coordinate more frequent clinics.

What do I need to bring to the reservation session?

(1) If your pet has a current rabies vaccination, bring the pet's current rabies certificate. We must have the certificate and can't use the rabies tag. **If your pet does not have a current rabies vaccination, the shot must be given at the time of surgery.**

(2) Bring cash or personal check for surgery fee and for rabies vaccination, if needed. All fees must be paid at the time the appointment is made. See reverse side for fees.

(3) If you are a **Caldwell County resident**, and would like to apply for **financial aid**, bring a **valid photo ID** and **at least ONE** of the following:

*Medicaid card issued within the last year for a member of your household, or eligibility letter from DSS showing current Medicaid eligibility for a member of your household

*Currently active EBT card for a member of your household

*Copies of documents showing total household income, such as pay stubs for employed adults, copy of SSI/Disability benefit letter/check or bank statement showing direct deposit of SSI/Disability, and/or last year's W-2 form

(4) If you do not own a plastic pet carrier for your pet, you will need to know the approximate height and weight of your pet so that we can reserve a loaned carrier for your pet to use.

If you are using a loaned carrier, it will be available on clinic morning when you drop off your pet. **You, or the person bringing your pet to the clinic, must be able to physically manage the process of crating your pet.**

Does my pet qualify for surgery?

Pets must weigh at least 3 pounds **AND** be at least 3 months old to qualify for surgery.

Pets must be in **good health** and not be overweight.

Mother cats/dogs must have finished nursing at least 2 weeks prior to surgery.

Females **in heat or pregnant** can have surgery but are at a slightly higher risk during surgery.

It is **recommended, but not required**, that your pet is up to date on vaccinations at least two weeks before surgery, especially the **kennel cough (bordetella) vaccine**.

Advanced age (**8 years old and older**) must have a veterinarian perform bloodwork in advance.

Your pet must be kept indoors the night before surgery and **must recuperate indoors** for 7-10 days after the surgery.

Did you know?

Since 2005, more than 9,300 dogs and cats have been spayed/neutered through Caldwell Humane Society's low-cost clinics.

Interested in volunteer opportunities with Caldwell Humane Society?

Send us an email at caldwell4pets@gmail.com to be added to our volunteer email list.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner and having your pets spayed and neutered. Please encourage your family and friends to do the same and save lives!