



Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Spay and Neuter Clinic

12 Airport Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94401 • 650-340-7015

Monday-Friday 7 am–12 noon and 1 pm–6 pm

Public Animal Spay and Neuter Policy

Spay and neuter clinics are meant to provide high-volume spays and neuters for healthy animals. Animals with medical issues, whether due to age, illness or anatomy should have surgery at a private veterinary hospital or clinic where they can receive the individual and specialized care that they require.

Below are some general guidelines. If you are not sure if your animal fits into one of these categories call us. Sometimes we can advise you over the phone; in other cases we may have you come in for a brief check by a Vet or RVT.

We do not accept brachycephalic dogs or cats. Brachycephalics are animals that have a flat face. In dogs the most common brachycephalic breeds are French Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, English Bulldogs and Pugs. There are many breeds of brachycephalic cats, but the main two that fall into this category are Persians and Exotic Short Hairs. Brachycephalic breeds can have a longer soft palate, decreased nostril size, and extra tissues from the nasal turbinates that protrude into the airway. Basically, because of their anatomy, they can have trouble breathing in general and these problems are accentuated under anesthesia and recovery which puts them at a greater risk.

We require a Von Wildebrands titer in Dobermans prior to surgery.

We will spay female rabbits at 1 year of age and males at 6 months. If your rabbit has any signs of a respiratory infection (eye discharge, nasal discharge or sneezing) we will not perform surgery due to the increased risk of anesthesia.

We also require a blood panel prior to surgery in dogs 8 years of age and older, and cats 10 and over.