



**LOW-COST
NEUTERING SCHEME**





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Information for owners

The low-cost neutering scheme takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Inglis Care and Save Veterinary Surgery in association with R(D)SVS:

Inglis Care and Save Veterinary Surgery,
228B High Street
Cowdenbeath
KY4 9NP

You can contact the clinic by calling 01383 510999. We are open 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and out with these hours in an emergency you can call 01383 722818.



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Consent

In making an appointment and signing consent for the neutering procedure to be performed on your pet, you are agreeing that you understand that the operation(s) will be carried out by final-year veterinary medicine students under direct supervision from a qualified vet. This incurs no increased risk of complications.

However, all general anaesthetics and surgical procedures carry an element of risk, in some cases serious and often due to unforeseen complications. These risks will be explained to you prior to the surgical procedure being carried out and you will be asked to sign to give consent for us to proceed.

The owner or designated person signing the form must be over 18 years old and have access to transport at all times of the day. You must also provide a contact number should we need to ask you any questions or give you any information about your pet(s).

The health and welfare of your pet is paramount to us. This means that, if we identify a reason why it would be unsafe or detrimental to their health to proceed with the surgery, then the procedure will be cancelled. It is therefore of utmost importance that if you know of any health problems your pet has suffered or is currently suffering from, that you share this with us prior to the surgery.

It is not the intention that this service should replace the normal attention that your pet receives from your own vet. We are therefore unable to carry out any form of diagnostic procedures on your pet on the day of the procedure and you will be directed to seek advice and treatments from your own vet.





Arrival

You must arrive with your pet(s) between 8am and 9am. Due to the high demand for appointments, if you arrive late, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment for another day.

It is imperative that your dog or cat has not been given anything to eat (including treats or snacks) from 9pm the night before. Failing to do this could be extremely dangerous to the health of the animal as it can cause complications. Water should remain available throughout the night. If an animal has been fed, the procedure will not go ahead. Your pet will be admitted for their procedure once you have signed the consent form.

Collection and post-operative care

Pets we neuter can normally be collected between 2 and 2.30pm on the same day. The only exception to this will be if we need to keep the animal longer to allow careful post-operative monitoring.

You will receive a comprehensive instruction sheet regarding the care and monitoring of your pet after the operation. This will include instructions on feeding and wound monitoring. In the case of dogs especially, attention should be given to instructions on levels of exercise over the two-week period following the surgery. Failure to comply with our instructions may compromise the animal's health and could have serious consequences for them.

If your pet requires an Elizabethan collar, also known as a buster collar, to prevent self-trauma i.e. chewing or licking their stitches, there is an additional cost of £3.50 for this.





Payments

Payment must be made by credit or debit card on the morning of the operation prior to the procedure being performed. You will be reimbursed should the procedure not go ahead.

The costs of these services can be found on our website:

www.scottishspca.org/what-we-do/neutering

Please note that this is a non-profit-making scheme. Any surplus income from the scheme will be channelled back into this service and will not be incorporated into the general Scottish SPCA fund.

Any donations towards the scheme on the day will be gratefully received and will be used to help with the neutering of other animals.

Data protection

Please note that we will use your data in confidence and will not share it with anyone else unless you give us your consent. The only exception to this will be if asked information about an animal's health status by a registered veterinary practice where the health of the animal would be compromised otherwise. Wherever possible, you will be informed of this at the time.





Looking for more information?

For full details of our low-cost
neutering scheme, visit our website.

www.scottishspca.org/what-we-do/neutering