

# What To Expect During Your Last Litter Appointment



- Before your appointment, please let us know if you do not have a secure carrier, collar, or leash for each of your pets. We can provide you with these at no cost, and you can pick them up from our shelter before the day of your appointment. **Please do not arrive with any off-leash dogs, loose cats, or pets in any containers that are not designed for pets.**
- When you arrive at our shelter, you will be asked to sign our Release Agreement for any puppies or kittens being surrendered to our shelter.
- A Last Litter appointment typically lasts about 45 minutes, depending on the number of pets being surrendered to our shelter, and the health and temperament of each pet. Large groups of pets, or pets that are very shy or nervous may take a little longer.
- An appointment does not guarantee placement in our shelter – your pets must pass the intake evaluation to be accepted. Each pet will receive a wellness exam with our staff veterinarian, as well as a brief behavioral observation to confirm that our shelter is an appropriate fit for your pet's needs.
- Our veterinarian must determine that your adult cat or dog is healthy and ready for surgery, and they must be tame / safe for our veterinary staff to handle. Your puppies or kittens must be healthy, socialized, and old enough to be separated from their mom.
- If they pass the intake evaluation, your puppies / kittens will be accepted into our shelter, and would remain in our care immediately following this evaluation. They will be housed in our clinic, so you will be unable to visit with them again.
- Your adult cat or dog will be spayed, and you must return to the shelter to pick her back up at 3:00PM the same day, unless otherwise instructed. Any adult cat or dog that is not picked up as instructed will be reported as abandoned to the appropriate animal control agency.
- When you drop off your adult cat or dog, we will provide you with instructions on how to care for your pet as they recover from surgery. Please read through those instructions carefully and let us know if you have any questions when you return to pick up your pet.
- The spay surgery for your adult cat or dog, along with any requested vaccines, cone, or pain medications will be free.
- Optional - If you have requested a microchip, the chip will be implanted and registered for you at the cost listed on the Surgery Consent Form. Payment for your pet's microchip will be due at the time of drop off.
- We do not have a required pet surrender fee, but we always appreciate any donation you may be able to make to help us offset the cost of caring for your pet while we work to find them a new home. You can make a donation [on our website](#).
- If you would like to donate any of your pet's supplies, we can accept most items in new or gently used condition. Please see our list of accepted items [on our website](#).
- After the puppies or kittens have been adopted, we will send you an email to let you know that they have found a home!
- If you have additional questions about your appointment, please contact [intake@homewardpet.org](mailto:intake@homewardpet.org).