

Loretta's Fund

Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

Instruction for Pet Owners



HOW TO USE YOUR CERTIFICATE

When you receive the certificate in the mail please call the designated veterinarian for an appointment. The certificate will include an expiration date and must be used before that date. Make sure you state that you have a Friends of the Scituate Shelter certificate in hand. You **must** take the certificate to **that veterinarian** when you bring your pet in. The certificate covers the cost of spaying or neutering, including hospitalization. Should your pet require other services or you do not pick up your pet on time, **you** will be responsible for additional charges. If you cannot keep the appointment, kindly cancel it well in advance. Failure to do so may result in refusal to accept your certificate at a later date.

IMPORTANT

You must be certain that your pet has had **nothing to eat or drink at least 12 hours before surgery**. Food in the stomach may cause the pet to vomit under anesthesia, choke and possibly die. Ask when to return for your pet after surgery. You may be charged extra for boarding if your pet is not picked up on time. Cats should be brought to the veterinarian in a carrier. Carriers are available on loan at the Scituate Animal Shelter if you do not have one.

CARE OF YOUR FEMALE PET AFTER SPAYING

For the first two weeks at home, keep your pet quiet and confined to the house. Dogs should be walked only briefly on a leash. Cats should remain indoors with a litter box. Check the incision daily for signs of swelling, discharge or inflammation. Do not let your pet chew on or lick the incision. Care should be taken to keep the incision dry.

CARE FOR YOUR MALE PET AFTER NEUTERING

Male dogs should be kept quiet and confined to the house for two weeks after surgery expect for brief walks on a leash. Male cats usually require only one week of confinement with a litter box. The incision of male dogs should be checked daily for signs of swelling, discharge or inflammation. Licking or chewing should be discouraged.

If your pet shows any signs of unusual or worrisome behavior, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Loretta's Fund is a Financial Assistance Program that allows for affordable and accessible spay and neuter services. It has been established in memory of one of the Friends of the Scituate Shelter's founders, Loretta Darian in an effort to reduce pet over population.

The Friends of the Scituate Shelter is a no-kill, non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the welfare of animals. We rely on volunteers and donations to care for and help animals and programs such as *Loretta's Fund*. If you have any questions please call the Shelter at 781-544-4533.