

Using Public & Private Clinics



We offer two types of clinics: Public and Private. Details for each are below.

PUBLIC CLINICS

Public clinics are open to organizations and the general public. All have equal access to reservations.

Each Public Clinic offers 40 reservations for surgeries. There is currently no limit on how many reservations each organization or individual can make. This policy should not be abused: reservations should only be made in the good faith of trying to fill them. We monitor reservations and clinic attendance closely. If repeated overbooking by any organization or individual results in low clinic turnouts, we may revoke the no-limit policy or rescind abusers' clinic privileges.

Each Public Clinic holds 10 standby slots for surgeries. These are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Surgeries for feral/free-roaming cats (ear-tipped) are provided at no cost to individual caretakers. Surgeries for tame/indoor cats (tattooed) are available to individual caretakers and non-501(c)3 organizations for suggested donations of \$15 per neuter (male) and \$25 per spay (female).

Surgery costs for non-profit 501(c)3 organizations are tiered, as shown on the following page.

We limit clinics to 50 surgeries, which includes a maximum of 25 females unless we are able to schedule two vets. If we cannot complete surgeries for all admitted cats on any given day, we bump cats to another day based on specific criteria. These criteria are subjective and are individualized at each clinic. The Clinic Manager and Lead Vet have full liberty to allocate surgeries according to these guidelines by taking all factors into account.

All ear-tip surgeries receive priority over no-ear-tip surgeries. This includes standby ear-tip cats having priority over no-ear-tip cats with reservations.

Distance traveled by the caretaker is considered. (Cats from Yakima are less likely to be bumped than local cats.)

Consideration is given to age, health and pregnancy status. (Pregnant cats receive priority. Young or sick cats may be bumped in advance of older, healthier cats.)

The total number of cats brought by a caretaker is considered. (If one person brings two cats and another brings 12, we will select the first caretaker's two cats and as many as we can from the other caretaker's 12.)

Organizations and individuals cannot bring their own vaccines or flea treatments to Public Clinics.

PRIVATE CLINICS

A Private Clinic is one where all 50 spots are reserved by one single organization or individual ("the Host"). A Private Clinic must be scheduled directly through the Clinic Manager. An entire day is set aside for a Private Clinic, which excludes other organizations and individuals from making reservations.

The Host can invite anyone to bring ear-tip or no-ear-tip cats for a Private Clinic. If two or more groups share a Private Clinic, one group is considered the Host and is ultimately responsible for:

- (a) Covering costs for all surgeries, vaccines, flea control, blood draws and microchips. If other organizations or individuals are invited to bring cats, they should reconcile their costs directly with the Host.
- (b) Giving the Clinic Manager the anticipated cat count 24 hours in advance of the Private Clinic.
- (c) Meeting Private Clinic participants and organizing their check-in. All cats must be completely checked in by 8 am. All carriers and traps should be clearly numbered and labeled. All should have accompanying Medical Records.
- (d) Prioritizing cats before the end of check-in. If all surgeries cannot be completed during the Private Clinic, we must know which are mandatory and which can be postponed. For instance, if there are more female cats than we can spay during a single Clinic, we need to know which can be rescheduled. If priority is not indicated by the Host, it will be determined by the Clinic Manager.

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The Host can bring his/her own microchips, vaccines, and flea control such as Frontline, Frontline Plus and Advantage. FeLV and Combo test kits, Revolution and other drugs are not permitted.

The Host is not required to provide volunteers. We do, however, appreciate all efforts to help staff the clinic. Volunteers keep costs down, which translates to low-cost and free surgeries for you. All potential volunteers must schedule their participation directly through the Clinic Manager.

All discharge times are set by the Clinic Manager.

CLINIC FEES FOR 501(c)3 NON-PROFITS

Because 501(c)3 organizations have the legal ability to support their spay/neuter campaigns through fundraising, we expect non-profit participants at our Public and Private Clinics to contribute to clinic costs rather than rely on Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project to raise all necessary funds to cover their surgeries.

Clinic costs for 501(c)3 organizations are tiered based on gross receipts reported on the most recent 990/990EZ. Gross receipts include, but are not limited to, donations, proceeds from special events, sales of goods or services, and all other revenue from solicitations.

On 990 tax returns, we consider the sum of lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7k, 8d, 9a, 10a and 11 from part 1, page 1. On 990EZ tax returns, we consider the sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6a, 7a and 8 from part 1, page 1.

For 501(c)3 organizations with gross receipts over \$500,000:

Clinic Fee	Ear-Tip	No Ear Tip
Neuter (male)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Spay (female)	\$20.00	\$40.00
Rabies Vaccine	Included	\$5.00
FVRCP Vaccine	\$5.00	\$5.00
Flea Control	\$5.00	\$5.00
Blood Draw	\$5.00	\$5.00

For 501(c)3 organizations with gross receipts between \$25,000 and \$500,000:

Clinic Fee	Ear-Tip	No Ear Tip
Neuter (male)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Spay (female)	\$15.00	\$25.00
Rabies Vaccine	Included	\$5.00
FVRCP Vaccine	\$5.00	\$5.00
Flea Control	\$5.00	\$5.00
Blood Draw	\$5.00	\$5.00

We offer free ear-tip surgeries to 501(c)3 non-profits with gross receipts under \$25,000, as well as individual caretakers and non-501(c)3 organizations. For no-ear-tip (tattoo) cats, we request suggested donations of \$15/neuter and \$25/spay to help cover our costs.

Clinic participants of all types may only use their own vaccines and flea treatments at Private Clinics and not at Public Clinics.

CLINIC FEES

There is a minimum fee of \$500 per Private Clinic, even if fewer than 50 cats attend. This request underscores our expectation that Hosts make a serious commitment to fill each Private Clinic with 50 cats.

Clinic fee payments must be made at the time of surgery unless previous arrangements have been made with the Clinic Manager. Extra services performed at Public Clinics must be paid at the time of surgery by whoever presents the cats, even if other payment arrangements have been made for the surgeries.