

Smith County Free Spay/Neuter/Rabies Vaccine/Microchip Frequently Asked Question

The No Strays Project Website - <https://thenostraysproject.org/>

The No Strays Project Facebook Page -

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▪ Who and what does this grant cover?

Smith county residents **only**. **Must** provide Driver's License or picture ID with Smith County Zip Code (**no exceptions**)*

Free Spay/Neuter, Rabies vaccine and Microchip

▪ Approved Zip Codes

* 75701 thru 75713, 75798, 7579 Tyler * 75750 Arp

* 75757 Bullard * 75762 Flint * 75771 Lindale

* 75791 Whitehouse * 75792 Winona

* If your Zip Code is not listed above and you live in Smith County, please bring your Driver License with a hard copy of the Smith County Tax Assessment (<https://www.smithcad.org/Search/PropertySearch.html>) with matching address to Driver License address. Bring this when you check in at our clinic as proof of Smith County residence to receive Free spay/neuter.

▪ Do I need an appointment?

No appointment required, first-come, first-serve. We can accommodate 60+ animals, if our clinic fills up, we will accommodate others with a voucher at one of our regular scheduled clinics.

Every 4th Monday, beginning February 26th

Next to **Tractor Supply 3505 Robertson Road**, North Parking Lot.

Check-In begins at **8:00am**

For special needs only, we may be able to schedule an appointment at another Dehart Vet Services location. Email thenostraysproject@gmail.com or text **903-339-8830** however, this may delay your surgery until the next available date which may be over a month out.

▪ **The list below is Dehart Vet Services regular scheduled clinics. Withhold food from your pet after midnight and arrive at any of the below clinics at 830am. IF any of these clinics are not full, we have last minute cancellations or no-shows, we will do our best to get them in that day.**

Dehart Vet Services Regular scheduled clinics:

- Tyler Tractor Supply 3505 Robertson Rd, Every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- Brownsboro El Presidente, Every 4th Friday
- Kilgore Atwood's, Every 2nd Saturday
- Frankston Tractor Supply, 1st Wednesday
- Jacksonville 1707 E Rusk St. Every 3rd Wednesday & Every Sunday
- Troup First United Methodist Church, 4th Monday
- <https://www.dehartvetservices.com/find-us/> This is a complete list of our locations if you are willing to drive further.

▪ **Will we spay pregnant and in heat dogs and cats?**

Yes, if you have a pregnant or in-heat female and need spay before our next (Every 4th Monday) clinic date, we will do our best get them schedule at one our regular scheduled clinics.

▪ **What proof of Smith County residency do I need to bring?**

Must provide Driver's License or picture ID with Smith County Zip Code (**no exceptions**)

▪ **How many animals can I bring?**

Limited 3 animals per ID per clinic.

▪ **When will I pick my animal up?**

Pick up time will be given at check in. Please have ready access to the provided phone number in case pick up times change.

Due to our mobile nature, we are NOT able to keep animals past the designated pick-up time. A \$20 late fee will be assessed if you are more than 30 minutes late for pick up. If we are unable to get in touch with you your pet will be transported back to Reklaw and arrangements must be made to pick them up during regular business hours at a location that is convenient for our staff.

▪ **How old do animals have to be?**

Patients must be older than 8 weeks and/or 2 pounds.

Patients must be < 6 years old unless a " Informed Consent" form is signed and/or pre-anesthetic bloodwork is performed.

Patients over 10 years old, bloodwork is required at owner expense \$55.

- **Can I bring my big dog?**

Patients must be less than 100 pounds OR be able to comfortably fit inside the mobile surgery unit cages.

- **My animal recently had a litter.**

If a female dog/cat has recently had a litter, the young must be weaned at least 2 weeks.

- **What costs are covered?**

Rabies Vaccine and Microchip and surgery related charges are included in Grant. Additional products and services are at the owner's expense (I.e. take-home medications, heartworm testing, nail trims, other vaccines etc). Pain meds and antibiotics are given at the time of surgery.

- **Can my animal eat the night before?**

Pets should not have any food after midnight the night before. Water is ok.

- **Does my cat need to be in a carrier?**

We require that cats be brought in a hard sided carrier lined with something absorbent.

- **Do I need to bring my dogs on a leash?**

Dogs need to be brought on a leash, or in your arms (for smaller pets).

- **Who performs the surgeries?**

Surgeries are performed by a licensed veterinarian

- **Is it safe for my animal?**

Patients are fully anesthetized using safe, recommended, and contemporary protocols.

Dogs are intubated with endotracheal tubes.

All patients are monitored with a pulse oximeter and constant visual examination.

Patients recover in our climate-controlled environment and are always within feet of our sight/reach.

We follow the guidelines established by the Humane Alliance and the Spay and Neuter Task Force of the American Shelter Veterinary Association.

Email Theostraysproject@gmail.com or Text 903-339-8830