

SPAY & NEUTER POLICY
of the
HUMANE SOCIETY SERVING CRAWFORD COUNTY (HSCC)

(Revised: August 2012)

1. Any animal, not previously surgically sterilized, that is adopted from HSCC will be accompanied by a Spay/Neuter certificate.
2. The certificate will be valid for 30 days after the date of adoption for any animal over 6 months of age. In the case of an animal under 6 months of age, the certificate will be valid for 30 days after the animal turns 6 months old.
 - a. Because the Society's main goal in issuing certificates is to reduce the fertile animal population, out-of-date certificates will be honored in most cases.
 - b. If a medical problem necessitates delaying the performance of the surgical sterilization, the attending veterinarian should contact the Shelter with an explanation of the animal's particular problem and a suggested new target date for the surgery; or the appointment is scheduled before the expiration date and the adopter notifies the shelter, the new target date should be noted in the animal's record.
3. Certificate amounts will be established by the Board of Directors. Note: Certificates for a larger amount may be given out if there are extenuating circumstances, with permission of the Humane Agent and/or the shelter Director. Reasons and who authorized should be recorded in the animal's memo line.
4. The certificate should be presented to the veterinarian performing the surgical procedure when the animal is admitted. The veterinarian should sign the certificate and return it to the Shelter for reimbursement.
5. Person adopting an animal from HSCC will have signed an Adoption Agreement which states *"I agree if this pet has not already been spayed or neutered, I will have it done by the date on this form or as recommended by a veterinarian. ****Note**** if I do not comply with this requirement, I agree to pay HSCC the sum of \$250.00, or all costs for attorney fees, court costs, witness fees, plus 20% interest, whichever is greater. I further agree to return the pet immediately upon request.* Pet overpopulation is a serious problem and HSCC enforces this clause. The agreement also states that *"Any animal not spayed or neutered within 30 days of the spay/neuter date may be repossessed by HSCC"*.
6. Records of Spay/Neuter certificates given out will be kept by the adoption clerk.
7. When Spay/Neuter certificates become overdue: Telephone and letter contact will be made until issue is resolved.