

**SNAP cannot perform surgery on animals with the following medical conditions:**

(These conditions have a significant increase risk of surgical/anesthesia complications and should only have surgery at a full service veterinary clinic where a pre surgical exam, diagnostics, treatments and personalized anesthesia plan can be provided).

1. Seizures
2. Diabetes
3. History of previous C-sections or abdominal surgeries
4. Signs of congestive heart failure
5. Signs of moderate to advanced respiratory disease
6. Signs of moderate to advanced heart disease
7. Bloody diarrhea
8. Active cough
9. Animals under the weight of 3 lbs or younger than 14 weeks of age
10. Some medications (exp: steroids/prednisone) – some medications and supplements can affect healing or make your pet more susceptible to bleeding. If your pet is taking any medications, call us prior to scheduling for information on when surgery can be performed.

**The following medical conditions or situations can increase surgical times or risk for anesthetic/surgical complications. If your pet have any of the following, it would be in your animal's best interest to have spay/neuter performed at a full service veterinary clinic where a personalized anesthesia and surgical plan can be provided for your pet. This pet's may benefit from comprehensive pre surgical exam, 1:1 vet to owner discussion of risks, extensive post surgical monitoring, pre surgical diagnostics or treatments. SNAP cannot provide these services. If you elect to proceed with surgery at SNAP a high risk consent form will be discussed and provided. You may need to wait longer at intake for one of our Vets to evaluate your pet and approve for surgery to occur. It is ultimately up to the Veterinarian on staff, to decide if surgery can or cannot be done on that day; which means there is no guarantee, your pet will have surgery at SNAP at their scheduled day. In cases where these conditions are unknown by the animal's owner and are detected during the Veterinarian's physical exam, an attempt will be made to reach the owner by phone to discuss the findings, risks and if surgery can or cannot proceed. If SNAP is unable to make contact with the owner, surgery may not happen.**

1. Uncomplicated heart murmur
2. Uncomplicated diarrhea
3. Cough – with the current increase spread of a severe respiratory disease, SNAP will not be doing surgery on coughing dogs.
4. Heartworm positive dogs – that have not started treatment and have no clinical symptoms of disease. If treatment has started or symptoms present, surgery will be declined.
5. Obesity – In cases where obesity and cryptorchidism are present the surgery may be declined.
6. Advanced/senior age (over 8 yrs)
7. Weight
  - a. – dogs above 70 lbs may need to be scheduled when 2 surgeons are present. It may be best to make this appointments by calling us.
  - b. – animals under 5 lbs have a higher risk of developing low temperature and low glucose which can lead to serious complications including death.
8. Breeds – some breeds can have specific increase risk. The list below offers some examples of risks and why SNAP recommends these breeds to have surgery at a full service clinic. For these breeds surgery at SNAP can happen if it is the only option due to owner's financial constrains. A risk discussion will be needed and owner will need to sign a high risk form. Some additional tests and cost may apply.

Brachiocephalic (flat face examples: Boston Terrier, Bulldogs, Boxers, Lhasa Apso, Pekingese, Persia, Pug, Shih Tzu) can have airway issues leading to respiratory complications including sudden death. These breeds could be best served by having surgery at a full service clinic.

Greyhounds, Whippet: Can have **prolonged recovery** with anesthesia and can be prone to increase bleeding leading to complications and after surgery. These breeds may benefit from pre surgical blood tests and individualize anesthesia plan.

Doberman: Can have an increased **chance of bleeding** leading to need for emergency post-surgical care. Blood test are recommended prior to surgery. If surgery is performed at SNAP a BMBT test will be performed at an additional cost.

Cavalier King Charles - Predisposed to unknown **cardiac disease that can lead to sudden death. Test should be done prior to surgery.**

Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Ragdolls, Sphinxes: These cat breeds have a higher incidence of HCM (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy), which maybe undetected on physical exam. Tests are recommended prior to surgery.