



SPAYING

One of the most common surgical procedures performed in our hospital is an ovariohysterectomy or spay. It should be performed between 6 and 9 months of age. Spaying is a very safe and highly effective procedure that will increase both your pet's quality and length of life. After surgery your pet will never go into heat or become pregnant. It will have a minimal chance of developing mammary cancer or uterine trouble, which we commonly see in non-spayed females later in life.

Your pet should be kept indoors 1 day prior to surgery, as this will allow you to observe any abnormalities that may be of importance to us prior to surgery.

Feed your pet its normal diet prior to surgery. In the late evening the night before surgery remove all food and water. It is important for your pet to be fasted for at least 8 hours prior to surgery. The exceptions are rabbits and birds, which must not be fasted prior to surgery.

For every routine surgery we recommend our Safety and Comfort Package which includes pre-surgical bloodwork, a pre-surgical ECG, an IV catheter and Fluids, which minimizes the risk of anesthesia. This can be done the day of surgery. These tests can also be performed at your convenience up to 1 week prior to surgery. If your pet is over 5 years of age, the Safety and Comfort Package is required.

Please call us several days in advance so that we can accommodate your schedule. Please drop your pet off between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and allow yourself 15 minutes for check-in.

Please call our office at 3:00 p.m. for an up-date on your pet. All spays stay overnight, at no additional charge. When you pick up your pet you will be given detailed post-operative instructions. Thank you for your trust in us. Please let us know if we can be of further service to you.