



Facts and Information

About Spaying / Neutering Pets

A Caring Decision

All pets not intended for breeding should be surgically spayed/neutered for many important reasons. While many people consider this type of procedure to be only for Pet Over-Population concerns, the far greater importance is the prevention of serious illness provided for by this caring decision. Plain and simple -- spayed or neutered animals are healthier than those that do not have the procedure done. Furthermore, even if breeding is pursued, your animal should be spayed or neutered as soon as that activity is no longer desired. Individualization of the anesthesia and surgery for your pet is of the utmost importance!

These procedures should ONLY to be performed in a unhurried, careful fashion by a dedicated doctor focused on your pet's individual needs!

The Benefits

Females – Spaying - Ovario Hysterectomy

- Prevents signs of estrus (heat)
- Prevents blood stains on carpet from heat cycle
- Decreases chance of **deadly** breast cancer
- Eliminates chance of cystic ovaries
- Eliminates chance of DEADLY uterine infections
- Prevents breast development (if done early)
- No unwanted pregnancies or offspring

Males – Neutering - Castration

- Prostate enlargement issues decrease
- Testicular cancer chances eliminated
- Decreases desire to roam and be lost
- Decreases odor of tom cat urine
- Decreases aggression
- Prevents spraying and marking
- Eliminates undesirable sexual behavior
- Risk of anal/rectal cancers reduced

Other Facts

- Pets do not get fat or lazy simply because of this surgery. Diet, exercise, and heredity have much more influence on the weight and attitude of your pet.
- Surgery is recommended when your pet is about six months of age, but it can be done at any age.
- It is much easier on your pet to be spayed before going through a heat cycle due to the smaller size of reproductive tract.
- Surgery is performed painlessly while your pet is under general anesthesia. Surgical risk is minimal. Most pets go home the same day. Post-surgical pain is managed very well with medication.

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