

Spay and Neuter Program

This extra-care service is designed to maximally ensure anesthetic safety and minimize postoperative complications (infection) for all pets. Many owners prefer the full-service program for their family pets. It helps us to significantly increase their comfort and safety. An exam is required prior to all surgeries to ensure pet is a good surgical candidate.

Surgical Procedures

Spay: This is an ovariectomy and is a major abdominal surgery. The two ovaries and the uterus are removed. The surgery is performed using sterile methods under general anesthesia. **The cost for any "flat-faced" breeds or animals having a previous cesarean section will be more.** Some skin incisions may be closed with glue, others with suture at the preference of the surgeon. Any large breed or a procedure requiring a longer than usual incision will be closed with sutures. No suture removal is required for glued incisions. A small tattoo may be applied to facilitate identification of the spay procedure.

Neuter: A neuter or castration is the surgical removal of both testicles. The surgery is performed using sterile methods under a general anesthesia. **Cryptorchid or "flat-faced" breeds have additional expense.**

Anesthetic Safety Procedures

The preoperative blood work test is used to identify any patient who might be at an increased risk, before the anesthesia is initiated. Introducing an IV catheter within a blood vessel prior to surgery assures that an "open" and readily available route is clear for introducing drugs in case of a cardio-respiratory arrest. It also allows for the administration of supportive fluids that decrease cardiovascular compromise. The continuous cardiac and respiratory monitoring performed during surgery is designed to provide the earliest warning of abnormalities occurring in the heart or respiratory system during surgery.

Post-Surgical Complications

Our full-service program provides the optimum conditions for minimizing post-operative complications. Please follow our home care instructions closely and if problems develop, please call our hospital immediately. Over activity and licking at the suture site are two of the most common reasons why there can be complications after surgery.

If a doctor uncovers any additional medical problems during the presurgical examination, you will be advised of the condition and cost prior to treatment.

Prior to hospitalization your pet must be current on all vaccinations required by our hospital.

SPAY/NEUTER PRICES			
Male Dogs <i>Must be under 100lbs</i>		Female Dogs <i>Must be under 100lbs</i>	
Petite <15lbs	\$290	Petite <15lbs	\$340
Small 16-35lbs	\$315	Small 16-35lbs	\$375
Medium 36-55lbs	\$350	Medium 36-55lbs	\$420
Large 56-80lbs	\$390	Large 56-80lbs	\$480
Pets beyond 80 lbs require an estimate from doctor			
Cats			
Males (neuter)			\$195
Females (spay)			\$300
<i>Prices subject to change without notice.</i>			
There will be an additional charge if your pet is pregnant, in heat, overweight or if complications occur. Significantly greater charges for pregnancies more than ½ term.			

Program Benefits

- Presurgical lab work and ECG
- Inhalation anesthetic
- Intravenous catheter and fluids
- Cardio-pulmonary monitoring
- Suture removal 10-14 days following surgery
- Pain Management & E. Collar

No food or drink after midnight on the evening prior to surgery.