



## Feline Castration (Neuter)

**Surgical procedure:** Consists of the complete removal of both testicles. The current age recommendation for neutering is 5 months. Although it is a routinely performed procedure, neutering of the cat involves general anesthesia and sterile operating techniques. While patients experience minor discomfort for one or two days, recovery is rapid in most cases.

**Results of the procedure:** Instinctual behavior to mate is reduced, fighting and night prowling tendencies are reduced, objectionable urine odor is generally eliminated. Neutering usually will not diminish a cat's tendency to hunt as they are hunters by nature. Additionally, **mature** cats may continue in established patterns of night prowling, although fighting with other males tends to cease.

### ***Surgical Care Plan***

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Included in the surgery price are: a pre-surgical examination, pre-anesthetic medication, induction & isoflurane (gas) anesthesia, pulse oximeter/ECG monitoring, continuous monitoring by certified veterinary technician, a sterile surgery pack/supplies/sterile surgical technique, an antibiotic injection, post operative pain medication, hospitalization, and nail trim. **Intravenous fluid therapy is included for the Feline Castration and 2 paw declaw (fluids are optional for cats being castrated only, for an additional \$51.25)** during the procedure and throughout the recovery process. IV fluids help to maintain the patient's heart rate, respiratory rate, and blood pressure.

We recommend all surgery patients have **pre-anesthetic bloodwork** completed prior to their procedure to assist the veterinarian in evaluating the patient's health and tailoring anesthetic protocols to your pet's specific needs. The cost of this optional blood panel is **\$94.50. This panel can be performed the morning of surgery with our state of the art in-clinic laboratory equipment.**

**Microchip implantation** can also be done at the time of surgery. The cost of this permanent form of identification is **\$59.45** and lifetime registration is included in this cost.

*Please do not feed your pet after 8:00 pm the night before surgery.  
Your pet may have water up until the time of admission.*