

## Feline Ovariohysterectomy (Spay)

**Surgical procedure:** Consists of the complete removal of both ovaries and the uterus. The current age recommendation for spaying is 5 months. Although it is a routinely performed procedure, ovariohysterectomy of the cat remains a major abdominal surgery involving general anesthesia and sterile operating techniques. While patients experience slight discomfort for two to five days after surgery, recovery is rapid in most cases.

**Results of the procedure:** Pregnancy is impossible, common uterine infections in older cats are prevented, physical and behavioral elements of the "heat" cycle are eliminated, and the risk of developing mammary cancer is greatly reduced.

Surgical Care Plan

Please call for Prices

Included in the surgery care plan are: a pre-surgical examination, pre-anesthetic medications, induction & isoflurane (gas) anesthesia, pulse oximetry/ECG/blood pressure, continuous monitoring by a certified veterinary technician, a sterile surgery pack/supplies/sterile surgical technique, an antibiotic injection, post operative pain medication, hospitalization, and nail trim. An intravenous catheter is placed and fluids are administered during the patient's procedure and throughout the recovery process. IV fluids help to maintain blood pressure and correct fluid loss.

We recommend that all surgery patients have **pre-anesthetic bloodwork** completed prior to their procedure to assist the veterinarian evaluate the patient's health and tailor anesthetic protocols to meet 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 after 8:00 pm the night before surgery. Your pet may have water available up until the time of admission.