

Spay (Ovariohysterectomy)

A spay is a surgical procedure where both ovaries and uterus are removed under general anesthesia. This procedure is only done in female animals.

Benefits

Most dogs and cats between 6 and 12 months of age are strongly recommended to be spayed as there are many benefits both for you and your pet.

- Spaying your pet protects them from serious health issues in future, like certain types of cancers or infections. For example, spaying prevents uterine infections and decreases your pet's chance of developing mammary tumors, in which 50% of cases are cancerous.
- Spaying decreases frustrating behaviors in female animals. Your female dog or cat won't experience heat cycles or inhibit a breeding instinct that causes them to wander. It can also reduce aggressive behavior and make your pet more family friendly!
- Spayed animals are unable to successfully reproduce. Pet owners won't have to worry about surprise litters, which are expensive and often take intensive round-the-clock care both for you and your pet.
- Finally, you are doing your part in helping reduce the amount of unwanted puppies and kittens that may fill shelters or be euthanized.

Are there risks?

All surgical procedures carry some risk, but incidence of complications for spays are very low. To further minimize risk, all pets are examined and receive pre-anesthetic bloodwork to determine that they are healthy enough for their procedure. Diligent care and pain management of your pet as they recover at home is equally important.