

Carleton Veterinary Services & Lanark Veterinary Clinic

Canine and Feline Spay

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Mission Statement

Where heart and medicine come together for the benefit of pets, their people and our community.

WHAT IS A SPAY?

- The canine and feline spay procedure is one of the more frequently performed surgeries in a small animal hospital and it renders a female dog or cat sterile by surgical removal of the ovaries and the uterus, hence the name ovariohysterectomy

WHY SPAY MY DOG OR CAT?

- Prevention of un-wanted pregnancy
- Reduces the chance of mammary tumour development
- Prevents the chances of life threatening uterine infection such as pyometra

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT THE DAY OF SURGERY?

Your pet should arrive in the clinic the day of surgery between 8:00-8:30 am. Your pet should be fasted meaning no food after midnight the night before. A small amount of water is acceptable.

When you arrive at the clinic you will be asked the following questions:

- Would you like to have pre-anesthetic blood screening run on your pet?
- Are you interested in IV fluids throughout the procedure?

Note: the pre-anesthetic blood work and IV fluids have additional costs

BENEFITS OF PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOODWORK

- Detects hidden illness that may put your pet at risk during anesthesia/ surgery
- Help us to choose the anesthetic that is best for your pet
- Provides peace of mind

BENEFITS OF IV FLUIDS

- IV fluids make anesthesia safer
- Warmed fluids help to maintain body temperature as many patients suffer from hypothermia
- Helps keep blood pressure stable as many pets under anesthesia end up being slightly dehydrated with reduced blood pressure by the end of the procedure
- Reduces patient's recovery

AFTER SURGERY CARE

- We advise that your pet stays in clinic over night after surgery so we can keep them quiet. However we have an early release form for those clients who wish to take their pet home the same day as surgery
- Patients can be picked up at the clinic any time after 10 am the following day
- The nurse will go over homework rules with you at time of pick up
- You will be required to keep your pet quiet for 14 days during recovery
- An e-collar will be provided to prevent your pet from licking the surgical site