

Spaying

Spaying refers to the surgical procedure performed on female dogs and cats to render them infertile. There are many benefits to spaying your female companion. First, you will contribute to the prevention of the dog and cat overpopulation. Second, you will help prevent diseases in your pet such as pyometra (infection in the uterus) and mammary cancer. Third, spaying will eliminate the sometimes 'messy' heat cycles that attract male dogs to your house from miles away.

Spaying involves surgical removal of both ovaries and the uterus. It can be performed under a number of anesthetics and monitoring devices. After the spay process, you will want to be aware of your pet's weight management. While spaying is a very important step in pet ownership, weight gain is the most common side effect after surgery. This is due to the fact that spaying abruptly decreases the normal circulating concentrations of hormones in the body which can cause an increase in fat storage. Keeping your pet active and feeding a monitored well-balanced diet will help combat post-surgery weight gain.

Please see our Forms page to have your pet's Anesthesia Release form ready for our staff on the morning of surgery!