

## Medical and Behavioral Benefits of Spaying

Spaying (ovariohysterectomy: the complete removal of the uterus and ovaries) is the most reliable cure for numerous health and behavior problems most common in our feline population as well as a powerful preventative for unwanted kittens.

From a medical standpoint, spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine infection or cancer. Bacterial infection of the uterus called pyometra, is a life threatening condition that occurs in middle-aged and geriatric cats, and requires an emergency surgery and extensive veterinary care. Spaying your kitten prior to her first heat at 6 months decreases her risk of breast cancer in later years by as much as 80%. Breast cancer in a cat is usually a malignant type of cancer that moves quickly and spreads to other organs. Spaying also decreases her exposure to feline leukemia and FIV, which are two separate viruses that are spread by sexual contact or fighting. We currently have no cure for these viruses, but we do have a vaccine for feline leukemia. The best way to protect your cat from feline AIDS is to prevent exposure. Keeping your cat out of the “mating frenzy” that involves territory fighting and intercourse is the key prevention!

Female cats usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they’ll yowl and urinate more frequently – sometimes all over the house!



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### Hours

Doctor hours by appointment

#### Monday

8:30AM – 12 PM

2 PM – 6:30 PM

#### Tuesday – Friday

8:30 AM – 12 PM

2 PM – 5:30 PM

Closed from 12PM – 2 PM for surgeries

### New clients always welcome

Emergency calls are welcome.

After hour instructions will be available on  
the answering machine

#### Payment

due at the time of discharge.

We accept cash, check, Visa or Mastercard  
& Care Credit

For more information please visit

[www.LadyvetAnimalHospital.com](http://www.LadyvetAnimalHospital.com)

## Feline Spay



Your pet's  
“Health and Happiness”  
is our priority



“Rosie”

Surgery appointments  
available Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday

Admit 7:15 – 7:45 AM

## Feline Spay

### Our fee includes:

1. A pre-surgical exam
2. Patient and room preparation
3. Sterile surgical pack, drape and suture
4. Laser surgery
5. General anesthesia
6. Surgery time
7. Pain medication. Fee is based on weight of pet.
8. Anesthesia monitoring by veterinarian assistant during and following surgery & during recovery.
9. EKG, O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> & BP monitoring
10. Intubation with endotracheal tube
11. Frequent monitoring to assess pain and patient status
12. Hotdog warming blanket during surgery
13. Complimentary nail trim
14. Lots of tender loving care

### What's extra....

We offer a variety of extra services at the time of surgery. These are optional and offered at an additional cost to the spay.

1. Microchipping, a safe and proven permanent identification.
2. Pre-surgical blood work (required if pet is 7 years of age or older)
3. Feline Leukemia, FIV and Heartworm testing.

## Facts

1. "Could not find homes" is one of the top ten reasons people dump kittens off at animal shelters
2. For every human born, 15 dogs and 45 cats are born. As a result, 7 million healthy, adoptable animals are euthanized every year.
3. Purebreds account for 30% of all the animals in shelters. "Papers" don't mean a pet should be bred.
4. Every year 10 – 12 million animals are euthanized in shelters for lack of available homes.

\* Please call ahead for an appointment

\* Cats must be 4 months of age for surgery.

\* **Please withhold food and water from your pet after 6 pm the night BEFORE surgery.**

\* You may call anytime after 3 pm to check on your pet.

\* Current Rabies vaccination is **required** for all surgery pets (can be given the day of surgery).

## Recommended Services

**Pre-anesthetic Blood Work** is recommended to ensure the internal organs are functioning properly to metabolize the anesthesia, and to check for infection & anemia. Required if pet is 7 years of age or older.

**Feline Leukemia** is a serious disease, causing leukemia (cancer of the white blood cells), cancerous tumors, and various other non-tumorous diseases.

**FIV**, often called Feline AIDS, is a serious infectious disease that affects a cat much like human AIDS affects a person

**Pain Medication** We believe controlling our patients' pain is important. Pain medication is administered before your pet's medical procedure to reduce pain and discomfort and to promote recovery, and can be sent home.

**Current Physical Exam (required)** The health of your pet is very important, especially when they are being anesthetized. Your pet will be checked from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail. This includes: oral exam, ears, hernias, heart, parasites & verifying sex of your pet.

**Vidscope Exam (required)** The visualization of the ear canals, using a tiny camera to aid in the detection of problems.

**Laser Surgery (required)** Uses a "no touch" delivery system that cuts and cauterizes with a beam of light. This greatly reduces post surgical pain, inflammation, swelling, and bleeding during surgery which leads to a more comfortable recovery and fewer side effects.