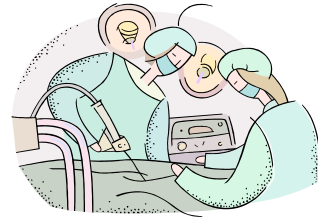


What to Expect with your Pet's Spay or Neuter Surgery



The doctors at Oceana Veterinary Clinic want to express how important it is to spay or neuter your pet. There are many benefits to these surgical procedures. As a young pet, these procedures can help ward off any unwanted behavioral problems that can be caused by male and female hormones. It can also help reduce and/or eliminate many cancers and diseases related to the reproductive organs. Giving your pet a long and healthy life is our goal.

We know that commonly your pet's spay or neuter procedure is called "routine". At Oceana Veterinary Clinic, our team knows that there is nothing "routine" about leaving your four legged family member for surgery. During your pet's surgical stay, the staff at Oceana Veterinary Clinic is trained to give the best care to your pet. First your pet will be placed in comfortable suite (with all the essentials like bedding, litter pan, etc). The veterinarian will perform a pre-surgical exam on your pet to make sure they are in good physical condition to continue with surgery. Pain medications will be administered after a pre-surgical exam is performed so that your pet will have maximum benefit from these medications. We highly recommend pre-anesthetic lab work be performed as an internal exam. This helps the doctor to further evaluate your pet for any abnormal changes in liver or kidney function as well as evaluate for anemia or dehydration. This can reduce the chances of anesthetic complications. Your pet will receive IV fluid therapy during their surgical procedure. This helps maintain your pet's body temperature and blood pressure as well as aid in the metabolism of the anesthetic agents used. During surgery your pet will be monitored by oxygen and pulse equipment as well as having a veterinary technician overseeing anesthesia and the overall health of your pet throughout the surgical procedure. Our care doesn't just end when your pet's surgery is completed. Your pet will have a veterinary technician closely monitoring them during recovery, making sure that they are comfortable, warm, and pain free. We also make sure our patients have ample opportunity to empty their bladder and bowels after surgery. Our staff will spend time at discharge to make sure you know what to expect and how to care for your pet after surgery. At Oceana Veterinary Clinic, we strive to make sure your pet is well cared for during and after surgery. We have a veterinarian on call after hours for any questions or concerns you may have following surgery. You can expect a phone call from our team to check on your pet at home following surgery.

Here at Oceana Veterinary Clinic, we have the capability to provide laser surgery. With a laser surgical procedure, all incisions or cuts are made with the laser instead of a scalpel blade or surgical scissors. With the laser procedure, your pet will experience less bleeding, pain, and inflammation. This procedure will therefore help give your pet a more comfortable recovery.

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