

CAT SPAY/ NEUTER

- Neutering or spaying require **general anesthesia** for your kitten.
- Prior to giving an anesthetic, we will perform a **Pre-Anesthetic Blood Screen** (blood test to assess internal organs and health)
- When administering a general anesthetic, we incorporate a **mild sedative** to help your kitten relax - you may be asked to give a dose of at home prior to coming to the hospital
- Your kitten will be given potent **analgesics** (pain killers) to prevent them from experiencing any pain or discomfort
- All pets receive a short acting injectable anesthetic to have a tube placed in their throat and then are connected to gas anesthesia and oxygen so that they remain unconscious for the procedure.
- Once the surgery is completed, they are gently woken up, the tube is removed from their throat and they are placed in a warm, comfortable kennel. They will be monitored until they are ready to go home.

Our top priority is keeping your pet safe and comfortable:

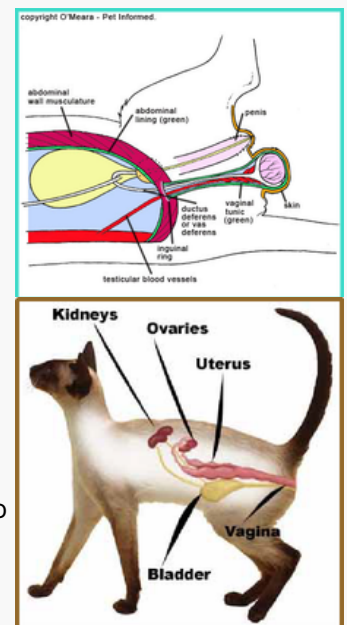
- **Comprehensive, multi-stage anesthetic protocol** including sedatives and pain killers for your pet's mental and physical comfort
- Patients are placed on warming pads and **closely monitored** throughout procedure using a combination of advanced heart and respiratory monitors as well as experienced "hands on" observation
- We follow **rigorous sterile technique**, always use separate surgical packs for each patient, individual packets of sterilized suture material and surgical drapes and the veterinarian will wear a sterilized surgical gown, gloves, cap and mask

For male kittens:

The scrotum will be surgically prepared and an incision will be made through which the testicles will be removed. It is important to remove the entire testicle so that the major source of testosterone is removed. Testosterone is the hormone that causes most of the undesirable behaviours of un-neutered male cats such as fighting and spraying urine. There will be no external sutures visible and the incision will be closed with a small amount of tissue glue. (At first, they will not look much different - it can take a while for the scrotum to shrink in size)

For female kittens:

"Spaying" or an ovariectomy involves abdominal surgery for your kitten. A roughly 8 by 10 cm rectangle of hair will be clipped away from her tummy and she will have 2-4 cm incision in the middle. The entire ovaries and uterus will be removed. She may not have any stitches visible on the outside but you will need to make sure she does not lick her incision afterwards - she may need an e-collar or protective shirt



When should I schedule the surgery? We like to book the appointment for your kitten's spay or neuter when she/he is in for their final booster/rabies vaccination at four months of age. We will aim to schedule the surgery at 6 months of age. Your kitten will be admitted to the hospital between 8:00-8:30 the morning of the procedure and likely be discharged late afternoon of the same day.