

Getting Your Male Cat Neutered? Here's What to Expect!

Arrival and Intake:

Preparation starts the night before surgery. Make sure to give any medications you were instructed to use pre-operatively and that your cat has no access to food after 10pm. On the day of surgery, please plan to arrive with your cat at 8 am. One of our surgery technicians will guide you through intake forms and we will need a person 18 years or older to sign the surgical consent form.

Pre-Surgery Process:

As soon as your pet is admitted, they will receive an oral medication to help them stay calm during their stay and reduce the amount of general anesthesia they need for surgery. Your pet's surgeon will perform an intake exam and we will run preoperative blood work if it has not been done within the past three months. Once the surgeon has cleared your pet for surgery they will prepare your pet's custom anesthetic plan.

Comfort and Care During Surgery:

We take many measures to ensure your cat's comfort during the procedure. They'll receive local and general anesthesia to keep them relaxed and pain-free. Our surgical team will monitor them closely throughout the process, using state-of-the-art monitoring equipment.

The Surgical Procedure and Recovery:

Once your cat is fully anesthetized, the surgeon makes small incisions to remove each testicle and ligates (ties or closes) the testicular blood vessels to prevent bleeding.

Your cat's nails will also be trimmed if needed. You will receive a call when the procedure is complete and your pet is awake to let you know that your pet is doing well. This is also when you will arrange a pick up time, usually between 3pm and 5pm. You will receive written instructions and a veterinary nurse will go over home-care instructions when you arrive to pick up your pet.

Post-Surgery Care at Home:

It is recommended to keep your cat in a quiet, confined space like a bathroom or bedroom for the first night after surgery. Provide them with a litter box, food, and water within easy reach. Your pet may be affected by the anesthetic drugs and act differently than normal for a few days, so keeping them away from hazardous places and other pets in the house is a good idea. It is important for you to ensure that they are eating, drinking, and eliminating normally during recovery. Remember to check your cat's surgical site at least once a day to ensure there are no signs of infection such as redness, swelling, or discharge.

We're here to support you and your pet through every step of the process! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to our team 617-332-7030.