

Is Your Female Dog Getting Spayed? Here's What to Know!

Arrival and Intake:

On the day of surgery, please plan to arrive with your dog 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:

Once your pet is admitted, we will run preoperative blood work if it has not been done within the past three months, and your pet's surgeon will perform an intake exam. As long as there are no findings in the bloodwork or upon exam that would postpone surgery, they will prepare your pet's custom anesthetic plan.

Comfort and Care During Surgery:

We always ensure our patients are comfortable during the procedure. Our skilled surgical team will monitor her closely throughout using state-of-the-art monitoring equipment.

The Surgical Procedure and Recovery:

Your dog will receive pain prevention injections during and after surgery. The surgeon will make a small incision on the lower abdomen to remove the uterus and ovaries. Her nails will also be trimmed (if needed) while she is in recovery. You will receive a call when the procedure is complete with a set pick up time, usually sometime between 3pm and 5pm.

Post-Surgery Care at Home:

Your dog will come home wearing an Elizabethan collar (cone collar) to prevent them from licking their surgical site. It's recommended to keep them quiet in a confined space, like a crate or small room, for the first 2 days to aid in their healing process. Provide them with a comfortable bed along with food, and water within easy reach. Short trips outside on a leash for bathroom breaks are ok, and they should not be able to run around or roughhouse with other pets for 10-14 days after surgery.

Your pet may be affected by the anesthetic drugs and act differently than normal for a few days. Keeping your dog confined allows them to rest and heal. Ensure that they are eating, drinking, and eliminating normally. Remember to check your dog's surgical site at least once a day to ensure there are no signs of infection like 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.