

Ovariohysterectomy

“Spay”

In order to provide the highest quality care for your pet, the staff at Rush Animal Care Clinic feels that you should be fully informed about the procedure, risks, and benefits involved with an ovariohysterectomy. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have concerning today's procedure.

Procedure:

1. Prior to surgery, your pet will receive injections of both antibiotic and pain reliever to make her more comfortable.
2. The surgical procedure itself involves the removal of each ovary and a majority of the uterine tissue. Dissolving sutures are placed into the muscle and tissue under the skin. Skin-adhering glue is used to close the incision.
3. Your pet is allowed to rest until early afternoon when her vitals are reevaluated. If the progress is satisfactory, she will be released into your care.

Possible Complications and Side Effects:

1. Anesthesia complications, such as prolonged recovery, vomiting, diarrhea, drop in or loss of appetite, organ impairment or dysfunction, death
2. Delayed wound healing
3. Suture abscesses
4. Wound infection
5. Self-inflicted trauma to the wound
6. Hemorrhage (caused by ruptured vessels)
7. Infection of the remaining uterine stump
8. Urinary incontinence
9. Weight gain (a change in metabolism may occur due to the absence of circulating hormones)

Benefits:

1. Reduction of unwanted male callers invading your backyard
2. Elimination of worry and cleaning involved with a female in heat.
3. If performed before 2 years of age, reduction in the chance of mammary tumors.
4. Reduction in possibility of uterine infections.