

Dog Spay Information & Admission Form

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Spaying your female dog is one way of contributing to the good health and long life of your pet while preventing increases in the population of unwanted pets. The best age to perform this procedure is controversial but probably after the first heat period but before the second heat period - around 9 to 10 months of age - is a good compromise. This gives the growth plates a chance to close and may decrease the incidence of future hip and knee orthopedic problems. The incidence of breast cancer decreases with spaying and the possibility of ovarian cancer and a uterine infection are eliminated once the procedure is performed.

In order to protect your pet and other pets in the hospital, we require that all dogs be current on vaccinations for Rabies, Distemper, Parvovirus, and Bordetella, be on heartworm preventative, and have had a negative fecal exam. We also require a pre-anesthetic blood screening to check for anemia, liver disease, and kidney disease (chem-panel/CBC). These diseases can affect the amount or type of anesthesia used. A physical exam will be performed prior to anesthesia. If fleas are noted, your pet will be treated to prevent the spread to other patients and to prevent contamination of the surgical site.

Canine spaying (ovarian hysterectomy) involves the removal of the ovaries and uterus through an abdominal incision. The pet is under general gas anesthesia, and the procedure is performed in a sterile operating room with a warm water heat pad and monitoring equipment. As with any general anesthesia, there is a small chance of complications. Most dogs are ready to go home the same day as the surgery. Some dogs require skin sutures and some are given a buried line of sutures just below the skin. If your dog receives skin sutures, a suture removal appointment should be scheduled for 7 to 10 days post operatively. We recommend that large breeds also be x-rayed for hip dysplasia while they are under general anesthetic for the ovarian hysterectomy. The basic spay price varies with the body weight of the pet:

<u>Weight (lbs.)</u>	<u>Price</u>
<15	\$387.50
16-35	\$400.00
36-65	\$418.50
66-95	\$437.00
96+	\$477.50

The spay price includes medications for pain relief, sedation, anesthetic induction (IV), anesthetic maintenance (gas inhalation), IV fluid therapy with an infusion pump, warm water heating pads, respiratory, cardiac, and oxygen saturation monitors, the surgical procedure, and one day in the hospital. If you are price shopping for this procedure, please make sure that the quote is inclusive of the above procedures and drugs. See **Anesthetic Procedures** form for more details. Please answer the following questions.

	YES	NO
Nail trim?	\$13 ()	()
If my dog is 45 lbs. + do I want hip x-rays?	\$174.50 ()	()
My dog has had a previous chemistry CBC test?	()	()
Has my dog ever been in heat?	()	()
Do I think she is in heat now?	()	()
Date of last known heat period: _____		
If your dog is in heat it can double the surgery and anesthesia time, and substantially increase the cost and risk of complications from the procedure.		

The following are additional costs, which may or may not apply today:

Hip x-ray with additional anesthetic	\$174.50
Chemistry panel & CBC	\$50.85 plus \$15 blood draw fee
Fecal exam	\$45
Rabies & Distemper-Parvo vaccines	\$23 each
Bordetella vaccine	\$25
Flea treatment	\$17
Antibiotic injection	\$36
Nails	\$13

Phone number where I can be reached today: _____

I have read the above information. I understand that this facility does not have an overnight attendant. If 24-hour care is indicated for my pet, I understand such care may be provided at the Pet * ER in Towson.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The safety and comfort of your pet are our primary concerns

♥ Thank you for entrusting your pet to our care ♥