

Neutering Advice CATS



AGE

Cats can be neutered from 3 months of age.

REASONS FOR NEUTERING

- To reduce inappropriate urination
- Neutering allows cats to be able to go outside and removes the risk of pregnancy in females.
- Reduces the risks of fights and road accidents in males as neutered cats have a smaller roaming territory.
- Reduces the smell of urine.

CAT CASTRATION PRICE: £90.10
CAT SPAY PRICE: £180.18 (NOV25)

Please feel free to book an appointment if you would like to discuss these options further



DISADVANTAGES OF NEUTERING

- Surgical risks such as complications from anesthesia or infection, though rare.
- Weight gain (and associated disease risks such as arthritis and blockages of the urinary tract in males) due to a slower metabolism and decreased activity levels if diet isn't adjusted.
- Behavioral changes, like reduced playfulness or increased lethargy, although this varies by cat.
- Irreversibility, meaning the cat can no longer reproduce, which is important if breeding is a consideration.

RISKS/COMPLICATIONS OF SURGERY

- Wound complications.
- Haemorrhage. - Ovarian remnants in females- a condition where the ovarian tissue is incompletely removed during neutering. Females usually present with signs of oestrus: male attraction, bleeding, vulval swelling. - Stump pyometra – an infection of a remnant of the uterus caused by hormones.
- Ureteral injury – damage to the urinary tract region.
- Anaesthetic complications - please let us know if you have a “do not resuscitate” request for your pet. Otherwise, every effort will take place to resuscitate them in the event of an emergency.
- Drug reactions.
- Pain – some degree of discomfort can be expected but we aim to reduce this as much as possible.

THE PROCEDURE : SPAY

We offer ovariohysterectomy consisting of an incision into the abdomen with removal of both ovaries and the uterus. This is carried out through one incision through the flank (side of the abdomen) unless otherwise requested.

THE PROCEDURE : CASTRATE

Two small incisions are made on the scrotum so each testicle can be tied off and removed. Your cat won't usually have any stitches. If your cat has retained testicles (one or both testicles haven't dropped into the scrotum), their operation will often be more invasive and complicated. If either or both testicles stay inside the abdomen, they will be at greater risk of developing cancer in later life, so castration is usually advised.

ON THE DAY

Cats are usually admitted before 10am to be given a chance to settle in. You can expect them to be with us until mid-afternoon, but we will contact you when they are in recovery to arrange a discharge time. A catheter will be placed into a vein to allow intravenous access for drugs and in the case of an emergency. A patch of fur on the front legs and/or back legs will be shaved for this. Also, the operation site will be

POST OP CARE

One of the team will discuss all the discharge instructions with you fully on the day and you will also get a hard copy of these to take home.

You pet should not need any medication to come home with.

We recommend feeding a bland diet for dinner on the day of surgery, such as chicken/boiled rice/scrambled egg/a specific gastrointestinal diet.

We usually recommend rest for 5-7 days in males and 10-14 days for females – please do not allow them outside in this period. Try to discourage any running, jumping and playing too.

We don't usually need to see your pet back unless you have any concerns in the post-operative period.



If you have any questions, our Nurse Team will be happy to discuss them with you. Please contact us on info@islandvetcare.co.uk or call (01983) 214747 and asked to speak with one of our nurses.