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Cat Spay (Ovariohysterectomy)

Before the procedure we would ask you read this document carefully to give you (the owner) the information required for the elected procedure. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

The procedure your cat will be having today is called an ovariohysterectomy or more commonly called a cat spay. This surgical procedure involves removing the ovaries and the uterus or womb. Once this procedure has been performed it cannot be reversed.

Benefits to your cat include:

1. Eliminates behaviors associated with, and permanently stop further seasons
2. Prevents unwanted pregnancies and reduces the urge to roam
3. May reduce aggressive instincts and therefore fighting
4. Prevents infection of the womb (pyometra)

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. Your cat may require a buster collar or vest to help reduce the incidence of post-operative complications. Owners may be liable for some post-operative costs.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure (inside or outside of the abdomen)
2. Wound break down
3. Wound infection
4. Bruising and swelling
5. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
6. Damage to internal organs including tying off ureters
7. Pain
8. Suture material reaction
9. Herniation
10. Anaesthetic complication including death

We take precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.

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