

Pyometra (Ovariohysterectomy)

Please read this form carefully in conjunction with the consent form you will shortly be asked to sign. This is designed to give you (the owner) as much information as possible for the procedure you have elected. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

A womb infection (pyometra) can be life threatening if not treated promptly and we recommend surgery as the best treatment option. Animals with a pyometra are often very sick and we would always recommend full bloods before the surgery. This allows us to detect other underlying diseases which could complicate the outcome, such as kidney disease/injury which can in some instances be a complication of the pyometra. We also recommend intravenous fluid therapy (IVFT) before, during and after the surgical procedure. Hospitalisation at our out of hours provider may be necessary and will be discussed with you.

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. We may discharge your pet with a buster collar or bodysuit which should be worn at all times to reduce patient interference and post-operative complications. Should a complication arise, owners are liable for the costs associated with the complication.

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

We take precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.

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