



Blue Springs

Animal Hospital & Pet Resort

"It's All About Caring"



Neuter Surgery

An orchiectomy (Neuter/Castration) is a surgical procedure recommended for most male dogs or cats before they reach six months of age. The benefits of neutering include:

A dramatic decrease in sexual activity displayed as marking with urine, humping activity, desire to roam, and aggressiveness.

Removing the likelihood of testicular or anal cancer, which can develop in an un-neutered dog later in life.

Reduces the chances of cat fights and the development of infected cat fight wounds.

Preventing unwanted litters of kittens or puppies and reducing the problem of pet overpopulation.

Neutering is an operation in which both of the testicles are surgically removed. Removal of the testicles means that the hormonal influence of "testosterone" is gone, thus eliminating the pet's sexual activity and desire to breed.

The night before surgery your pet will need to be taken off food at 8:00 p.m. The morning of surgery, the patient will receive a thorough pre-anesthetic physical exam by one of the doctors. All potential physical problems are thoroughly discussed with you by the doctor at that time. A pre-anesthetic blood screen will be suggested for your pet at this time. This allows us to evaluate your pet's kidney and liver function as well as blood clotting ability. This extra procedure allows us to be sure your pet is healthy "inside and out" and that he will be a safe candidate for surgery.

Since the orchiectomy (Neuter) is a surgical procedure, it is performed with your pet placed under general anesthesia. Your pet sleeps painlessly through the entire operation. At Blue Springs Animal Hospital your pet's safety is our primary concern. With several different anesthetic choices in our hospital pharmacy, we can custom design an anesthetic regimen for your pet's specific health needs. Our anesthetic agent (Isoflurane) is reported to be ten times safer in all patients than other anesthetic agents.

At Blue Springs Animal Hospital, we are committed to making your pet as comfortable as possible during their procedure and recovery. We utilize the very best pain management medications and techniques available. While your pet is in the hospital their pain will be managed with injectable medications. We will send additional medication home to keep them comfortable in the few days after their surgery.

The surgery is performed in our private operating suite by one of our veterinarians. The doctors use surgery masks, caps, and gowns. They have scrubbed and gloved before surgery, and they use a sterilized surgical instrument pack on each patient to help prevent post surgical infections.

The operating suite at BSAH is equipped with audio patient cardiac and respiratory monitors, blood pressure monitors, gas anesthetic machines, oxygen, IV Infusion pumps, CO2 laser,

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electrocautery, emergency drugs, and a competent, caring staff of licensed veterinary technicians.

Very little care is required at home after surgery. In dogs, the incision should be kept as clean and dry as possible. In dogs, sutures placed underneath the skin will absorb once the incision is healed. In cats, home follow-up care is not necessary and recovery is very rapid.

We strive at Blue Springs Animal Hospital to perform the neuter and all surgical procedures with the highest surgical standards set forth by the veterinary profession. If you have any other questions about the procedure or your pet, please don't hesitate to ask our trained staff or one of our doctors. Whenever you are ready to schedule your pet's neuter operation, just call. Our receptionist will be happy to set up the appointment.