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CANINE OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY

An ovariohysterectomy (spay) is the surgical removal of the uterus and ovaries from the abdomen of a female animal. Spaying is the only foolproof method of birth control for female dogs and cats. It is permanent and they no longer have heat cycles. The risk of mammary cancer is significantly reduced if a dog or cat is spayed before its first heat. Spayed pets will also never develop pyometra, a life-threatening uterine abscess infection.

While it is important to spay a dog prior to its first heat, if she should have a cycle, it is preferable, but not necessary; to wait 3 weeks after the heat cycle is complete to spay her. This is due to the increased blood supply and fragility of the tissues during the heat cycle. Obese animals pose another difficulty due to body fat obscuring the important tissues and blood vessels.

Dogs that have been through a heat have larger and more vascular uteri; therefore the cost is somewhat higher.

On the day of your dogs spay, you will drop her off in the morning and she will stay after the surgery for monitoring, nursing care and additional pain-relief injections as needed. She will be able to return home with you that afternoon or evening when she is awake and alert.

ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR CANINE SPAY

To help ensure a safe anesthesia, **pre-anesthetic blood testing is performed on all procedures requiring anesthesia.** We have found that 10-15% of our puppies have some underlying problem! For your convenience, we perform blood testing in-house the morning of the surgery.

The following medical services, supplies, and medications are included with the estimated price below.

- Pre-surgery physical exam. If your pet has not been examined in the last 6 months by a Canyon View Animal Hospital veterinarian, a \$30-\$42 exam fee will be added to the cost of the spay. Otherwise, there is no charge.
- Pre-anesthetic blood testing to evaluate kidney and liver function, anemia, etc
- Pre-anesthetic pain injection
- IV catheter placement and IV fluids during surgery to maintain blood pressure and protect the kidneys
- Anesthesia and Surgical procedure
- Heart, Respiratory and Blood oxygen monitoring at all times during anesthesia
- Pain medications and 1st night sedative to go home
- Post op nursing care, Hospitalization and TLC
- Complimentary nail trim

Young Spay before the 1st heat

Dogs 0-30 pounds: \$246
Dogs 31-79 pounds: \$260
Dogs 80-up pounds: \$287

Mature Spay after 1st heat

Dogs 0-30 pounds: \$262
Dogs 31-79 pounds: \$280
Dogs 80-up pounds: \$307

Additional Fees:

Obesity Fee: \$50 - 70

In Heat Fee: \$65 - 85

Pregnant Spay Fee: \$50 - 150.00 (depending on stage of pregnancy)

Dewclaw Removal: \$100.00-150.00 (prices include removal of both dewclaws, initial bandages, and 1 bandage change)

Retained puppy tooth extraction (per tooth): \$15-25

Umbilical hernia repair with Spay: \$30-60

Microchip: \$55 (includes placement and online registration fee)

Two or more dogs from the same household spayed on the same day get a 10% discount!

As you can see, a “spay” is more complicated than it sounds. If you are price shopping, please be advised that we provide a high level of care and safety for your four-legged family member. When calling other facilities, make sure the above services are included in their price. Please do not hesitate to talk to one of our staff if you have any questions.

Thank you!