

# Cat Spays

## Pre-operative information for Cat Spay (Ovariohysterectomy)

**Before the procedure we would ask you to 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. Stops further seasons and any behaviours associated with them
2. Prevents unwanted pregnancies
3. 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. 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 breakdown
3. Wound infection
4. Bruising and swelling
5. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
6. Damage to internal organs including tying off ureters
7. Suture material reaction
8. Herniation
9. Anaesthetic complication including death

**We take great precautions to minimise these risks to your pet.**

Please ask a member of staff if you have any more queries.