



Spay/Ovariohysterectomy

This surgery involves an incision into the abdomen to remove the ovaries/uterine body.

Potential Complications

(during surgery and/or during recovery)

- Hemorrhage (excessive bleeding)
- Dehiscence (sutures coming undone)
- Swelling/inflammation at the incision site
- Seroma (a pocket of fluid)
- Infection
- Laceration of the spleen
- Trauma to the ureter
- Ovarian remnant (leaving ovary behind)
- Slow recovery

Potential Anesthetic Complications

- Airway irritation
- Low blood pressure
- Hypothermia/hyperthermia
- Cardiovascular collapse
- Respiratory depression
- Gastric reflux
- Aspiration pneumonia
- Hypoxic brain damage
- Embolism

Metacam

Metacam is a non-steroid anti-inflammatory (NSAID) medication commonly used for pain and inflammation. This medication is typically sent home after this surgery. It should not be given to pets with the following (because it will make them worse):

- Underlying liver or kidney disease
- Gastro-intestinal issues (vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia)

While most young pets have no underlying issues, blood work may detect elevated kidney or liver values that would alter our decision to treat with NSAIDs. For this reason, it is recommended to have blood work run prior to surgery.

Recovery Time

Your pet will be monitored closely during surgery and as it awakens from anesthesia. Typically, pets go home the same day of surgery. Your pet will go home with instructions for at home care and exercise restriction.

