



Fort Street Veterinarian



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Why Spay or Neuter Your Pet at Fort Street Vet?

THE LEVEL OF CARE FOR YOUR PET'S SAFETY

SPAYED FEMALE DOGS LIVE **23% LONGER** THAN UN-SPAYED FEMALES

NEUTERED MALE DOGS LIVE **18% LONGER** THAN INTACT MALES

NEUTERED MALE CATS LIVE **62% LONGER** THAN INTACT MALES

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Why Choose FORT STREET VET?

While other Omaha pet clinics offer similar services, what sets us apart is the level of care we provide your pet at time of surgery:



A PHYSICAL EXAM to identify problems that may increase your pet's risk.



BLOOD TESTS to screen for issues not evident in the physical exam.



IV FLUIDS to help support oxygen delivery to your pet's vital organs.



GAS ANESTHETICS to speed induction and recovery and to reduce risk to your pet.



STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT to monitor your pet's heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure and more during surgery.



LICENSED & CERTIFIED VET TECHS (LVTS) who closely monitor your pet during anesthesia and recovery.

ALL surgeries also include:

- Heat support
- A surgical antibiotic injection
- A pain management injection
- A complimentary nail trim

Post-Op Care and Support:

- Following surgery your pet will receive supportive care, constant monitoring and a warm bed to ensure a comfortable recovery.
- When your pet is awake, he/she will be taken for a brief walk to metabolize the anesthesia.
- Go-home pain medications and antibiotics (*if needed*) will be provided as well as a collar (*if needed*) to keep your pet from licking and infecting the incision.

Optional Add-On Services with Surgeries:

- **Microchipping Your Pet:** A microchip is much more reliable than a collar and tags because it cannot fall off. The size of a grain of rice, it's fast and easy to implant while your pet is asleep.
- **Removal of Retained Baby Teeth:** If your pet has stubborn baby teeth that should be removed to allow permanent teeth to come in, we can extract them during the spaying or neutering procedure.

1. humansociety.org: USA Today, May 2013 article. 2013 State of Pet Health Report.
 2. Other sources: ASPCA.org

WHY Spay or Neuter Your Pet



"Our dogs aren't treated as 'clients' but with real love and compassion... We're so happy we made the change to Fort Street Vet."

– Pet owner, Wendy M.

WHEN to Spay or Neuter Your Pet

To Control a Growing Crisis:

- **Millions of healthy pets are euthanized** in shelters each year simply because there aren't homes for them. By spaying or neutering your pet, you're helping control this heartbreaking and growing crisis.

For Your Pet's Health:

- **Spayed female dogs live 23% longer** than un-spayed females. **Neutered male dogs live 18% longer** than intact males.*
- **Neutered male cats live 62% longer** than intact males. **Spayed female cats live 39% longer** than un-spayed females.*
- Spaying prior to 6 months of age **helps prevent life-threatening uterine infections, and breast cancers** which are malignant in about 50% of female dogs and 90% of cats.
- Neutering your male pet can **prevent testicular cancer and several prostate problems.**

To Improve Behavior:

- **When female pets go into heat** it can be messy, smelly and loud (*with cats*) and happen multiple times a year.
- Your male cat or dog will be less likely to run away seeking a mate, to "mark" territory by urinating all over your house or to act aggressively and fight with other males.
- **If you've multiple pets**, spaying and neutering can help to "keep the peace."

Dogs: Between the ages of 5 to 9 months.

Cats: Between the ages of 8 weeks to 5 months.

Older pets can be spayed or neutered but there's a slightly higher risk of post-op complications, as well as some of the behavioral and health issues listed in this pamphlet.

HOW You Can Help Your Pet

The Day Before Surgery:

- Please don't let your pet eat after 10pm prior to surgery. Water should remain available.
- If your pet is on medication, please give as prescribed unless otherwise directed.

At Check-In:

- Please allow 5-10 minutes to complete a short surgical release form the day of surgery.
- Please leave a number at which you can be reached in case we need to call. We also will notify you when your pet's surgery is complete.
- To ensure the best care for your pet, please inform the staff of any medications your pet is currently taking, previous anesthetic problem, drug allergies, or any previously diagnosed medical condition (*heart, liver, kidney, etc.*).
- A discharge appointment will be scheduled for your pet at the time of check-in.

At Check-Out:

- Please plan on picking up your pet during your scheduled check-out unless informed otherwise.
- Please allow 5-10 minutes when picking up your pet to go over your pet's surgery and post-op care instructions.
- Any necessary go-home meds and prescriptions, as well as instructions for at-home care, will be provided at discharge.
- We will follow up by phone in a day or two after your pet's surgery to ensure recovery is proceeding satisfactorily.
- Payment will be due at this time.

At Home:

- Give your pet a quiet place to recover inside, away from other animals.
- Don't let your pet lick the incision site, which may cause infection. If necessary, we can provide a collar.
- Don't bathe your pet for at least 10 days after surgery.
- **IMPORTANT: Check the your pet's incision daily. If there is swelling and inflammation, discharge, or the incision has opened, contact us. If your pet is vomiting or has diarrhea, contact us.**



Your pet's welfare and your peace of mind are important to us. Never hesitate to ask any questions either before or after your pet's surgery.

Contact: 402-884-3383 or staff@fortstreetvet.com.