

THE HARMONY DIFFERENCE: SPAY & NEUTER

At Harmony Animal Hospital, we have three goals when spaying or neutering your dog or cat: safety, pain management and communication. Here's what you need to know about our practice's spay and neuter approach:



SAFETY

- We perform each spay and neuter procedure individually, one at a time.
- We perform blood work prior to the scheduled procedure to help ensure your pet is healthy enough for anesthesia and surgery.
- At the start of the procedure, we insert an IV catheter to provide the surgeon instant, easy access to your pet's veins in the event that a complication should arise. We also provide pain medication and fluids to support your pet's heart and kidney function and to maintain hydration levels.
- Your pet will have a warming blanket during the entire process to maintain a healthy body temperature, which reduces pain and speeds recovery.
- Your pet is never alone. We continuously monitor all of our patient's vital signs during the procedure and throughout recovery.

PAIN MANAGEMENT



- To help minimize pain and speed recovery, we use an injectable local anesthesia at the surgery site, an injectable opiate before and after surgery, and an anti-inflammatory injection at the time of surgery.
- We use a surgical CO₂ laser rather than a scalpel to minimize bleeding.
- We use a post-operative therapy laser to reduce pain, swelling and inflammation for a faster recovery.
- Your pet will receive a take-home prescription of an anti-inflammatory medication to aid recovery and minimize pain.



COMMUNICATION

- On surgery day, we will review the procedure with you and answer any questions you may have.
- We will notify you by your preferred method of contact when beginning the procedure.
- If any complications arise during the procedure, we will call you immediately and keep you apprised of the situation.
- Once your pet is in recovery and stable, we will notify you by your preferred method of contact to discuss how the procedure went and to schedule a pick up time.
- When you come to pick up your pet, we will provide a written report regarding the procedure and aftercare that we will review with you, as well as answer any questions you may have.
- All of our clients are provided with a direct number to call a Harmony veterinarian should any concerns occur after hours.
- We schedule a courtesy re-check in two weeks to ensure your pet has fully recovered.