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— ANIMAL HOSPITAL —

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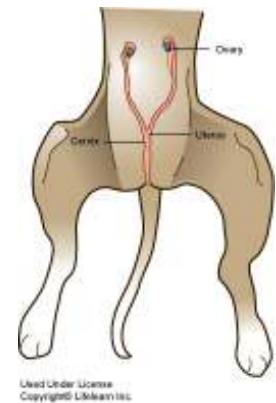
Spay and Neuter

Spaying is the common term used to describe the surgical procedure known scientifically as an ovariectomy. In this procedure, the ovaries and uterus are removed completely in order to sterilize a female dog or cat. Neutering or castration are the common terms describing the surgical procedure known as orchidectomy. In this procedure, both testicles are removed to sterilize a male dog or cat.

At the Mississippi Mills Animal Hospital, we recommend spaying your pet between 6 and 8 months of age, however the Veterinarian may discuss waiting until 1 year of age in giant breed male dogs. The surgery is a day procedure so your pet will go home the same day. Pain control medication is dispensed for dog and cat spays and dog neuters to ensure your pet is comfortable. We do recommend 10 to 14 days of exercise restriction to ensure proper healing even though your pet may appear back to normal sooner.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF SPAYING IN THE FEMALE DOG?

- Prevention of "heat" or estrus
- When in "heat", the female experiences an urge to escape in order to find a mate. This unwanted and dangerous behavior is eliminated by spaying.
- Elimination of the hormone fluctuations that cause false pregnancy following the "heat cycle"
- Prevention of uterine infection known as *pyometra*
- Prevention of breast/mammary cancer. Dogs spayed before their first "heat" have less than 0.5% chance of developing mammary cancer.
- Elimination of the risk of uterine and ovarian cancer



WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF NEUTERING MY MALE DOG?

- Reduces the risk of benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostatitis
- Reduces the risk of hormone-related diseases such as perianal adenoma
- Eliminates the risk of testicular cancer, the second most common cancer in intact dogs
- Removes sexual urges, which usually decreases roaming behaviors
- Reduces certain types of aggression

