



Spaying & Neutering

Information for
Kitten Owners



- ❧ There are a variety of health reasons to spay female pets and neuter male pets. These include preventing unwanted pregnancies which may occur as early as four months of age, decreased risk for mammary carcinoma, and elimination of reproductive emergencies such as pyometra and dystocia.
- ❧ Spaying a female cat eliminates heat cycles and generally reduces the unwanted behaviors that may lead to owner frustration. Neutering a male cat reduces the breeding instinct, making them less inclined to roam and more content to stay at home.
- ❧ The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recently formed a task force to determine the appropriate age to sterilize kittens. They recommend all cats not intended for breeding be spayed/neutered by 5 months of age.
- ❧ Prior to spaying or neutering your cat, we require a basic bloodwork panel. This routine panel will screen for issues that may complicate anesthesia. We encourage you to schedule bloodwork a week prior to surgery, providing a cost savings to you and the opportunity to address any health concerns prior to the procedure.
- ❧ If your cat is not already microchipped, we strongly encourage you to have this done at the time of the procedure. Should your animal get lost, having a microchip is the best way to increase the chance of being reunited.
- ❧ We encourage you to speak with one of our veterinarians or veterinary technicians about any questions you might have regarding spaying or neutering your cat.