

Altering a pet's reproductive status is often considered an important first step in companion animal ownership. It helps ensure a loving home for every cat and dog out there, and it can offer some major health and behavioral benefits. While most people think of a standard spay and neuter surgery when they think of altering a pet, there are a variety of options depending on your preferences for your pet.

Female Pets

Ovariohysterectomy

This is what people would consider a typical 'spay' procedure performed on the majority of female cats and dogs. In an ovariohysterectomy, the uterus, ovaries and fallopian tubes are removed, preventing reproduction, eliminating the heat cycle in the future and reducing the instinct and breed.

Hysterectomy

In a hysterectomy, only the uterus and a portion of the fallopian tubes are removed. While the pet will be unable to reproduce, the ovaries will continue to produce hormones related to breeding behaviors. It is also the most effective way to prevent mammary tumors and uterine infections of the alteration options.

Ovariectomy

In an ovariectomy, only the ovaries are removed, preventing reproduction, eliminating the heat cycle in the future and reducing the instinct and breed.

Minimally Invasive Surgery

We can perform many of these procedures using minimally invasive surgical techniques to reduce the size of the incision and improve healing.

Male Pets

Orchiectomy

This is what people would consider the typical 'neuter' procedure performed on the majority of male cats and dogs. In an orchiectomy, the testes are removed, preventing reproduction and reducing the instinct and breed. It is also the most effective way to prevent benign prostatic enlargement, testicular tumors and perineal hernias.

Vasectomy

In a vasectomy, only the vas deferens (this conducts sperm from the testes) are removed. While the pet will be unable to reproduce, the testes will continue to produce hormones related to breeding behaviors.

Minimally Invasive Surgery

We can perform many of these procedures using minimally invasive surgical techniques to reduce the size of the incision and improve healing.

Summary

We are happy to discuss the different options available for your pet to keep them healthy and to prevent unexpected litters of puppies or kittens in the future. Different options may fit better for different pets.