

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: At what age can my cat have surgery?

A: We begin spaying and neutering cats at 12 - 16 weeks of age. At this age they are old enough for surgery and weigh enough to receive a rabies vaccination. The ideal weight is a minimum of 4 lbs.

Q: My female cat is in heat, can she be spayed?

A: Yes, female cats can be spayed while they are in heat.

Q: At what age will my female cat go into heat?

A: Female cats typically go into heat between 4 to 6 months of age.

Q: My cat is an indoor cat only, does it need to be vaccinated for rabies?

A: Rabies vaccinations are required by law for all cats, even indoor cats. The vaccination is included in our fee.

Q: What is the FVRCP (more commonly known as the feline distemper) vaccination and does my cat need it?

A: FVRCP stands for feline viral rhinotracheitis, calici and panleukopenia which is a group of diseases that the vaccine prevents. These diseases are all viral and may be brought into your home if you or your guests have been in contact with a contaminated environment. There is no cure, just prevention and every cat should be vaccinated.

Q: My female cat had kittens, how long should I wait to have surgery?

A: At about 8 to 9 weeks after your female cat has had kittens she can be spayed. The kittens should be completely weaned from the mother. Her mammary glands should not have any milk, and she should be back to her ideal healthy weight.

Q: Will my male cat stop spraying after he has been neutered?

A: The spraying should stop after surgery. It may take weeks to several months depending on how long and often your cat was spraying.

Q: Should my cat wear an Elizabethan collar after surgery?

A: You should discourage your cat from licking at his/her incision. An Elizabethan collar can be purchased at your local pet store to prevent such licking.

Q: Does my cat need pain medications after surgery?

A: We advise having a pain medication injection to help your cat stay comfortable and rest quietly the night of surgery. Pain-relieving pills are recommended for some cats and will help to keep your cat calm for a couple of days after surgery.