

Spay Surgery Start to Finish

Everything you wanted to know about spaying your cat and more.

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When can my cat resume normal activity?

Most cats recover rapidly Some cats will eat the same day as surgery Most will be eating normally within two days
Older animals may be a bit sore or lethargic for a few days Most cats are back to normal within three days

What should I look for at home? Abnormal swelling of the incision area; some swelling is normal
Bloody or thick discharge from the incision
Any foul odors from the incision area
Extreme discoloration of the area; some pink is normal dark red or purple are not normal
Contact your veterinarian if your cat opens the incision
Contact your veterinarian if you see any of these conditions or if your cat does not seem to be recovering

Are there any risks associated with spay surgery? Your vet takes many steps to eliminate risks during surgery
The vet will most likely perform blood tests before surgery to identify or rule out underlying health problems

During anesthesia, your cats heart rate and breathing will be monitored closely The surgery takes place in a sterile environment to eliminate risks of infection

What are the benefits of a spay surgery? Helps prevent pet overpopulation
Greatly decreases your cats chance of developing mammary cancer
Eliminates your cats chance of developing ovarian or uterine diseases
Greatly decreases occurrence of behaviors related to reproductive hormones (such as spraying, howling and trying to escape)

The pros of spaying your cat far outnumber the cons. Ready to schedule your kittens surgery? Talk to your veterinarian today, or find a spay/neuter clinic near you.