

Included in our surgical packages, we perform three additional procedures. These are designed to increase the level of safety and care for your cat.

- We first draw a blood sample and perform Feline Leukemia, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, and Feline Heartworm tests. If these are negative, we proceed. If any of these is positive we will call you to discuss how to proceed.
- The next tests we perform are a CBC (complete blood count) and 14 blood biochemistries. These are done right in the clinic and we will have the results before we begin surgery. The biochemistries will give us information about your cat's liver and kidneys, total blood protein, electrolyte levels, and a blood glucose level to check for possible diabetes. The CBC will tell us if there are any signs of infection, anemia or low platelet numbers that could cause prolonged bleeding times. If these are all normal, we proceed to surgery, and we will then have healthy baseline blood levels for your pet. If any of these tests are significantly abnormal, we will call you to discuss how to proceed.
- We place an IV catheter and administer IV fluids during the surgery. This is very helpful in maintaining fluid balance and preventing dehydration. It also gives us a rapid means of administering IV medications should the need arise.

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We typically recommend surgery at 6 months of age. Some clients would prefer to have the surgery done sooner. We can perform the surgery as early as 3-4 months of age. If you have any questions, feel free to discuss them with the doctor.

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Your cat will be able to go home the day after surgery. Cats that are spayed only may go home anytime after 9am and until closing time. Cats that have been declawed are discharged after noon and until closing time. At discharge time, a technician will go over the post-operative instructions and answer any questions you may have.

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Feeding restrictions the morning of surgery: those under 6 months of age may eat half of their normal meal; cats over 6 months of age should not be fed after 10pm the night before surgery. Water is okay until admission time.