

Pre Operation Info - Bitch Spay

When a female dog gets spayed, the veterinary surgeon removes the ovaries and womb (Ovariohysterectomy)

What are the benefits of spaying a female dog?

- Prevents seasons
- Prevents unwanted pregnancies
- Prevents infections in the womb (Pyometra)
- Prevents false pregnancies (Phantom pregnancy)
- Reduces the chance of mammary, ovarian and uterine cancer

When is it safe to spay a female dog?

It is safe to spay a female dog before it's first season, however we recommend that you wait three months following the end of their season as it helps reduce the risk of hormonal problems.

What you need to do before your dogs operation

- No food 6-8 hours before the procedure
- Lift their water bowl first thing in the morning
- If there are any signs that your dog is unwell leading up to the operation, please contact the practice
- Ensure your dog has been treated for fleas and worms recently
- Try to make sure that your dog is clean on the day of their surgery
- Please also make sure your dog has emptied their bowel and bladder before they are admitted
- Ensure your dog is up to date with their parasite treatment

On the day

- The operating vet will examine your dog to make sure they are healthy and in the best condition for the operation
- The nursing team will closely monitor your dog before, during and after their spay
- Your dog will have shaved areas on one or both legs and a large shaved area where the procedure has taken place (mid abdomen)
- Your dog will be discharged the same day, the time may vary depending on each operating day and its schedule

We now offer free pre op consultations with any of our RVNs. The nurse will give your dog a full health check while answering any additional questions you may have. If you are interested in this service, please get in touch.

Alternatively, if you require any further information, please contact the practice on **016973 42174 or send us an email reception@wigtonvets.co.uk**

- Your pet will be discharged by one of the  nurses, where they will go over all of the post op