



## **The Facts About Feline Neuter Surgery**

Congratulations on deciding to neuter your cat. Neutering will eliminate the chance of testicular cancer and will drastically reduce the probability of developing painful prostate disease. Your cat will also be less prone to dominance aggression, urine marking, and roaming behaviors. Of course, you are also helping reduce the problem of pet overpopulation.

Neutering involves surgical castration, or removal of the testicles. Hopefully, this will be the only surgery your cat will ever need. It is important to choose carefully when interviewing potential surgeons. At Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care, we provide your pet the same high quality care we insist upon for our own pets. When it comes to surgical safety, we never cut corners to save cost.

The feline neuter surgery is done under heavy sedation. You should withhold all food from your pet after 10pm the night before his surgery. He should continue to have water available. At Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care, we are proud of the proven success of our As Safe As Possible (A.S.A.P.) Anesthesia techniques. The medical information section of this web page includes information on anesthesia in our practice. Please take a moment to review the time and effort we dedicate to providing your pet with the safest possible anesthetic experience. Since this procedure does not require gas anesthetics, a breathing tube is not ordinarily used.

Before surgery, an area around the scrotum and penis will be shaved and scrubbed with disinfectant. The surgery itself involves making a small incision and removing both testicles. Usually, the patient is sent home with no visible stitches. Supplemental fluids are administered under the skin rather than through an I.V. catheter for this surgery.

While our pets naturally hide pain better than we do, studies of their nervous systems demonstrate they feel pain with the same intensity. A surgical castration has the potential to cause significant pain if proper medications are not used. Every surgical patient at CCVC receives injectable narcotic pain medication. Some receive additional pain control including non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, local anesthetics, or other advanced pain control medications. While most cats do not require more than 24 hours of pain control after a neuter, some cats may be sent home with additional pain control medication. Your pet is part of your family. We have a responsibility to keep him pain-free.

Most feline neuter patients are sent home the same day with written discharge instructions. A member of the CCVC medical team is always on call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to answer any questions you have once your cat returns home.