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ANIMAL CLINIC

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The Scoop

Ovariohysterectomy in cats

Ovariohysterectomy is the medical term for spaying a female cat. The procedure consists of removal of the ovaries and uterus. If the ovaries are not removed, the bothersome heat periods still occur even though pregnancy is impossible. Surgery is usually performed at 5 1/2 to 9 months of age.

Though it is routinely performed, ovariohysterectomy is major abdominal surgery requiring general anesthesia and sterile operating techniques.

Prevention of pregnancy and heat periods is the main reason for the surgery, but the procedure is often necessary in treating severe uterine infections, ovarian and/or uterine tumors, and some skin disorders.

FAQ

Will it make my cat fat and lazy? No. Obesity is due to excessive calorie intake. Weight can be controlled by proper feeding and exercise.

Will it change her personality, disposition, or intelligence? No. Cat's personalities do not fully develop until 1 - 2 years of age. If there is a personality change in a cat spayed at a young age, it would have occurred without surgery.

Shouldn't my cat have a litter first? No. There are no advantages to allowing your cat to have a litter of kittens.

Advantages

There will be no more heat periods
There will be no unwanted kittens.

The uterine infections common in older cats will not occur.

Mammary gland cancer seldom develops in cats spayed before their first heat.

