

Franktown Animal Clinic: Understanding Neutering and Its Benefits

What is Neutering?

Neutering is a surgical procedure performed on male pets to remove the testicles, which eliminates their ability to reproduce. At Franktown Animal Clinic, we perform neuter surgeries with the utmost care, prioritizing your pet's safety and comfort throughout the process.

Why Do We Neuter Pets?

Neutering is a responsible choice that benefits both your pet and the community. It helps control the pet population, reducing the number of unwanted animals. Additionally, neutering can improve your pet's behavior and overall health.

Benefits of Neutering:

- Reduces the risk of testicular cancer and prostate issues
- Decreases aggressive behavior and territorial marking
- Lowers the tendency to roam, reducing the risk of accidents
- Helps prevent unwanted litters

What Happens During Neuter Surgery?

Your pet's well-being is our top priority. Here's what you can expect:

- **Pre-Surgical Bloodwork:** Done before surgery to ensure your pet is healthy enough for anesthesia.
- **IV Catheter and IV Fluids:** To keep your pet hydrated and provide quick access for medications.
- **Anesthesia:** We use Isoflurane, a gentle and effective gas anesthetic, to keep your pet pain-free and fully asleep.
- **Cerenia Injection:** We recommend this anti-nausea injection to help your pet feel more comfortable afterward.
- **Medi-shirt Option for dogs only:** A cozy alternative to the traditional E-collar, helping protect the surgical site gently.

Optional Procedure: Gastropexy for Deep-Chested Dogs

For deep-chested dogs, we offer an optional **gastropexy** procedure at the time of neutering. This procedure involves tacking the stomach to the abdominal wall, helping to prevent Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GDV), commonly known as bloat. GDV is a life-threatening condition where the stomach twists, and this procedure significantly reduces the risk.

Benefits of Gastropexy:

- Prevents the life-threatening condition of GDV
- Can be safely performed during neuter surgery
- Provides peace of mind for owners of at-risk breeds

Please note that gastropexy is an additional cost, and our team will be happy to discuss if it's the right choice for your dog.

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Post-Operative Care Recommendations

Proper care after surgery is crucial for a smooth recovery. Here's how to help your pet heal:


- **Rest and Recovery:** Limit activity for 10-14 days to help the surgical site heal properly.
- **Incision Care:** Keep the incision clean and dry, and avoid bathing your pet until it's fully healed.
- **Monitor for Complications:** Watch for signs of infection, such as redness, swelling, or discharge from the incision.
- **Pain Management:** We'll provide pain medication, and it's important to follow the prescribed schedule to ensure your pet remains comfortable.
- **Follow-Up Visits:** Attend any follow-up visits to ensure proper healing.

Why Choose Franktown Animal Clinic?

At Franktown Animal Clinic, we understand how important your pet's health and comfort are. That's why we take a compassionate, personalized approach to every neuter surgery, ensuring your pet is treated with the utmost care before, during, and after the procedure. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a neutering procedure for your pet, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to support you and your pet every step of the way!

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