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### Information on Ovariohysterectomy (Spay)

1. Prior to surgery, your pet should not eat after midnight the night before surgery. This ensures they have an empty stomach to prevent vomiting while under anesthesia.
2. General anesthesia is used during the procedure. Typically gas anesthesia is used for maintenance of anesthesia. An injectable sedative/anesthetic may also be used in conjunction with the gas anesthetic.
3. An ovariohysterectomy involves removing the ovaries and uterus from the abdominal cavity.
4. The incision is closed in three layers. The abdominal muscle is closed first, then the subcutaneous (fat) layer, then the skin layer. The skin may have external stitches that will absorb/fall out within 6- 8 weeks. A skin glue may be applied instead of stitches to the external skin which needs no postoperative care.
5. The incision should be checked daily for excessive redness, infectious drainage, or dehiscence (pulling apart) of the skin. If any questions about the incision occur, please call and speak with Dr. Herrmann.
6. Feed small amounts of food after surgery. The anesthetics sometimes cause the stomach to be upset. Minor vomiting is not unusual.
7. Keep your pet confined for 1-2 days after surgery. Your pet should not run stairs, jump on the bed, or do anything that places stress on the abdominal incision.
8. You may bathe your pet 3 days after surgery.