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Feline spay and neuter recommendations

The doctors at NSVC recommend spaying and neutering all cats at about 6 months of age. Female cats can have litters of kittens as soon as they reach sexual maturity, and unneutered male cats are more likely to fight with other cats and to have urine marking behaviors.

Procedure for spaying a female cat (ovariohysterectomy)

This procedure includes surgically removing the ovaries and uterus through an incision in the middle of the belly. Cats that have been spayed will not have a heat cycle, will not menstruate and cannot become pregnant. After surgery the cat is sent home with an E-collar and pain medication. The cat generally feels better within about 2-3 days, but the client will be asked to restrict the cat's activity for about a week.

Procedure for neutering a male cat (castration)

This procedure involves making an incision over the scrotum and surgically removing the testicles. After surgery the cat is sent home with an E-collar and pain medication. The cat generally feels better within about 24 hours, but the client will be asked to restrict the cat's activity for about a week.