

# Cowesett Animal Hospital



Compassionate care ❖ Lifetime commitment

## About Your Dog's Spay

Procedure- your dog's uterus and ovaries will be removed through an incision in her abdomen rendering her permanently unable to reproduce. You will fast her of solid foods for 12 hours before the procedure. We will recommend any needed preanesthetic lab work. She will be given a preanesthetic exam, an intravenous catheter will be placed, and medication will be given to allow passage of an endotracheal tube through which anesthetic gas will be given. She will be monitored by a surgical nurse, as well as machines throughout surgery and recovery. She will have her abdomen clipped and scrubbed and sterile gown, gloves, and instruments will be used. She will be given pain medication and a discharge appointment made at which time you will be given written instructions for her after care

Benefits- your dog will not come into heat, and her risk of certain cancers and infections are greatly reduced.

Aftercare- your pet will need to be leash walked short distances for 2 weeks, avoid rough play, be kept in a clean environment and have her incision checked daily by you. She will have pain medication and may need an Elizabethan collar to prevent licking of the incision. She will have a recheck appointment in two weeks.

Risk-the risk of unexpected death in veterinary patients may be 1 in 10,000 cases. There is the risk of infection, bleeding, or damage to other abdominal organs. There is the risk of incision irritation or infection. Other, more rare, surgical complications may result. Complications occur despite our best measures to control them and may incur additional charges.

We will treat your pet with TLC and are as concerned as you about anesthetic safety, pain control and a good outcome.

I have read and understood this information and consent to this procedure for \_\_\_\_\_ . Preanesthetic labs accepted 0    declined 0

Owner/agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_