

# ADVANCED SPAY PROCEDURE NOW AVAILABLE AT BLACKS VETS

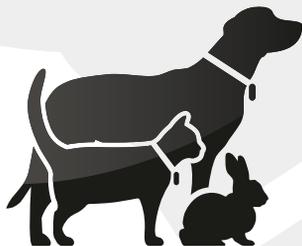
Minimal recovery time and lower risk of complications is making Laparoscopic spaying a popular choice.

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**As your female puppy matures, you may begin to consider whether you would like your pet to breed. This is an important choice both for you and your pet and should be considered carefully, weighing up factors such as your pet's long-term health, your ability to care for and re-home a litter of offspring and the costs associated with different courses of action.**

Unless you are certain that you would like your pet to breed, the team here at Blacks Vets recommend spaying as an effective and responsible option for preventing an unwanted pet pregnancy. Spaying is the technical name given to the sterilisation of a female animal



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by removal of the ovaries. There is currently insufficient medical evidence to support the notion that bitches should give birth before they are spayed. However, we do know that there are many complications and risks that can arise during pregnancy, so it is generally far safer to spay earlier in a pet's reproductive life.

Once the decision to spay has been made, the good news is that there are now options available for how the procedure is performed. Keyhole surgery (technically known as Laparoscopy) may be familiar to us through experiences with our own health, but did you know that this can also be used to successfully treat pets?

Laparoscopic surgery is performed with the assistance of a fibre-optic camera (laparoscope) inserted through a small opening in the abdominal wall. This instrument allows veterinary surgeons to view the abdominal organs on an external video monitor and perform surgical procedures without the need for opening large entry points into the body. If your pet weighs over 10kg and is in good health, this option can provide significant benefits.

### Reasons To Consider Laparoscopic Spaying For Your Pet

- A minimally invasive procedure that requires only tiny, precise cuts meaning less trauma to tissue and less bleeding.
- Pets that undergo a laparoscopic spay experience considerably less pain than those having a traditional spay, and usually need less pain medication.
- Less risk of wound complications such as swelling, ruptures or infection.
- Pets generally experience improved recovery times, when compared to the traditional spay method.



Small incisions used in the procedure



## Case Study

Meet beautiful Edina, a 16 month old cross-breed. Edina's owner decided on laparoscopic spaying as it is a less invasive procedure than a traditional spay. Typically, normal activity can resume after just 48 hours with a laparoscopic spay, compared to a 7-12 day recovery period with a traditional spay. Weighing

between 10-15kg also made Edina an ideal candidate for the procedure, as fat around the ovaries which can be present in larger dogs, makes them harder to remove from the small incision. The operation itself is completed in under 2 hours including General Anesthetic and once concluded, the incisions were sutured, cleaned and dressed. Edina was given a recovery vest to wear which kept her comfortable and stopped her from licking her wounds. She was returned to a cosy kennel within our veterinary hospital, accompanied by the heat pads and blankets that had been used throughout the procedure to keep her warm. Within minutes she was up and about, wagging her tail and her owner was able to take her home after she had been monitored and checked. After a quiet and comfortable day with plenty of cuddles, Edina was back to her usual bouncy self, playing with her toys and enjoying her walks.

Our laparoscopic spays are performed at our accredited veterinary hospital in Dudley, which along with our four other Black Country branches, has been awarded Outstanding for Client Service by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. If you think that laparoscopic spaying could be a good option for your pet, our experienced team of vets, nurses and pet-care advisors, are happy to discuss all options with you to help you make an informed choice.



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