



**GRAND
PET CARE CENTERS**
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SPAY (Ovariohysterectomy)

****We recommend spaying as early as 4-6 months of age****

Why should I spay my pet?

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- 1. This operation is recommended in order to avoid “heat” (estrus).**
 - While in heat your dog might stain your house with uterine blood.
 - Male dogs or cats might try to brake into your house (to mate with your pet).
 - Male dogs or cats might force themselves on your female pet.
- 2. The operation prevents unwanted pregnancy.**
 - Unwanted pregnancy can lead to serious complication (during delivery time).
 - Unwanted pregnancy will increase the chances of **acquired diseases**.
 - Unsafe sex can lead to transmissible diseases like **Feline Leukemia and AIDS**.
- 3. Pyometra:** The spay operation essentially removes the possibility of a severe infection of the uterus (**pyometra**) which is life threatening and very costly (see illustrations).
- 4. Breast Cancer:** Spaying at an early age reduces the future risk of developing this cancer.

**We recommend that you spay your pet before the first heat cycle
(around 6 months old)**

