

Know the Facts.....

Myth: Spayed and neutered cats and dogs are less healthy.

Fact: Neutered male cats live an average of 2 years longer than those who are not. Cats and dogs who have been sterilized experience a 98% reduction in certain types of cancer and infections, especially of the urinary and reproductive tract.

Myth: The experience of giving birth improves the disposition of female dogs/cats.

Fact: There is no medical evidence to support this common fallacy. In fact, cats and dogs who are spayed before their first "heat" are often less skittish, tend to fight and roam less, and are generally healthier than those who are un-spayed.

Myth: Kittens and puppies are so cute– it will be easy to find homes for them.

Fact: According to SCRAPS (Spokane County Animal Control Service) in 2006 the truth is, although all kittens and puppies are adorable, there just aren't enough homes to go around. 70% of all cats and dogs taken to the shelters are put to death; at least half of all cats and dogs born each year die in shelters, laboratories, or on the streets

Myth: Surgery is too dangerous.

Fact: Your pet's safety and comfort is our primary concern. Therefore, we use the most modern technology and the safest type and amount of anesthesia. Additionally, Dr. Clark believes that every pet is entitled to be pain free. Therefore, any surgical or invasive procedure will always be performed with pain medication administered and monitored to keep the pet comfortable. We have the ability to offer the highest level of pre-anesthetic blood work to detect any underlying health problems with your pet.



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Why choose a full service veterinary hospital over a spay-neuter clinic?

While we applaud and support our local spay and neuter clinics. The laudable goal of spay and neuter clinics is to sterilize as many pets as possible is important to our community. However, this understandably gives them a different set of priorities than a full service veterinary hospital.

Our specialty is designed around caring for the specific medical needs of an individual pet. This shift in focus allows us to invest in equipment such as therapeutic laser light, infusion pumps, pulse oximeters, blood pressure monitors and more. Dr. Clark has the added advantage of employing experienced Licensed Veterinary Technicians to assist him with all surgical procedures. This, coupled with state of the art anesthetic and pain medications, allows Dr. Clark to provide his patients with the high level of care our clients desire and his priorities demand.

Again, we are grateful for the efforts of our colleagues who serve such an important role in reducing our community's unwanted animals. We encourage anyone who may have limited resources or who may be dealing with a unique situation (such as feral cats) to utilize their services.

If your resources and priorities allow caring for your family pet in a more personalized way, we advise you to seek out a competent, full service veterinary hospital.

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Does your Veterinarian insist on wearing a cap, sterilized gloves and mask during all surgical procedure? Does your Veterinarian demand all instruments and surgical supplies be sterilized with an autoclave for each procedure?



Does your Veterinary Nursing Staff consist of licensed technicians or hold a degree in Animal Science? Do you expect qualified nursing staff?



Does your Veterinarian ensure the safety of your pet by monitoring the heart rate, oxygen levels, and respiration rate with a pulse oximeter? Do they monitor and regulate the pets body temperature?



Does your Veterinarian insist on placing an IV Catheter and administering fluids for surgeries for the same safety reasons your own physician requires one?



Does your Veterinarian believe it is unethical to ever allow an animal to be in pain? Does your Veterinarian insist on giving pain medication pre and post surgically with all procedures?



Does your Veterinarian require preanesthetic bloodwork to provide a baseline and detect any potential health risk. A pet can lose up to 75% of kidney function before showing any visible signs of illness. By nature animals camouflage illness for self preservation. Does your Veterinarian follow safety guidelines as outlined by the (AVMA) American Veterinary Medical Association?

