



What happens when your cat is spayed?



Your cat is given a health check by the vet performing the surgery



An injectable pre-med and anaesthetic is given in to the muscle





Your cat is monitored on a heated pad until the anaesthetic has taken effect





As your pet can't blink whilst asleep a lubricant gel is placed on the surface of the eye to protect it from drying out

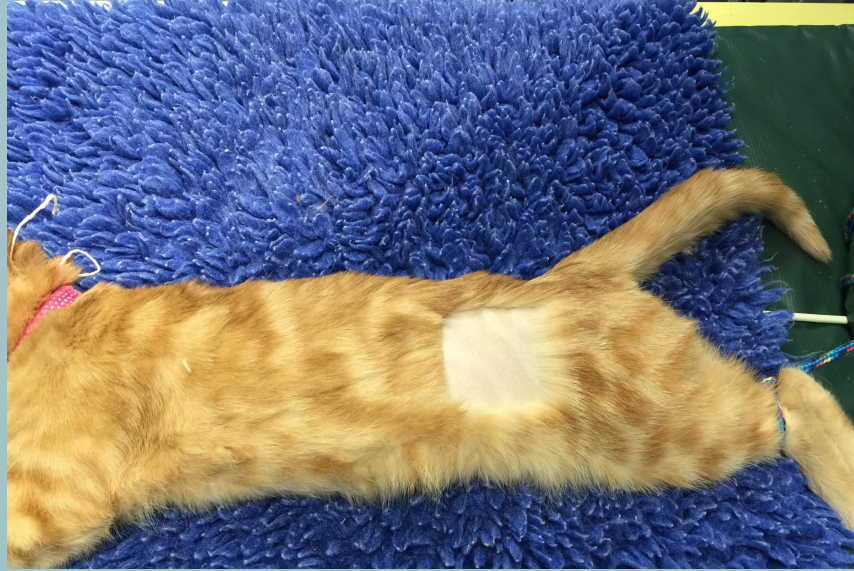


A local anaesthetic is dropped on to the larynx to allow an endotracheal tube to be passed in to your cats trachea



The endotracheal tube is placed to allow anaesthetic gases and oxygen to be given throughout the procedure to ensure your cat is fully anaesthetised





A square of hair is shaved from the left hand side of your cats abdomen to allow access to the surgical site



The surgical site is thoroughly cleaned using a chlorhexidine preparation



Your cat is monitored by a qualified nurse throughout the procedure using equipment such as pulse oximetry and stethoscopes

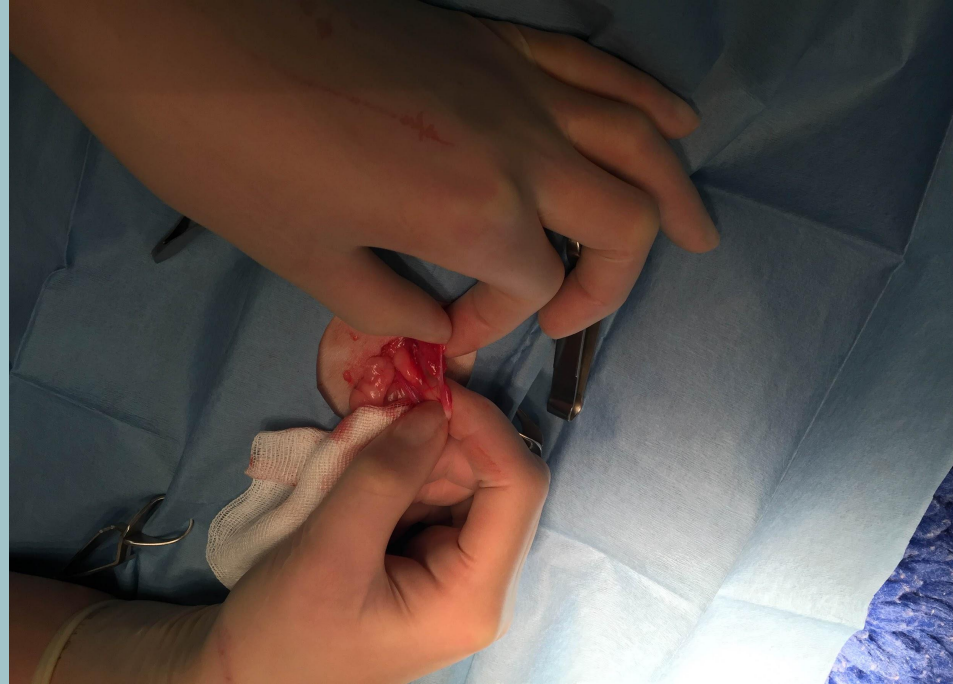




The vet cleans her hands by performing a surgical scrub and then wears sterile gloves. She then drapes the cat ready for surgery



The surgical incision is made using a scalpel blade

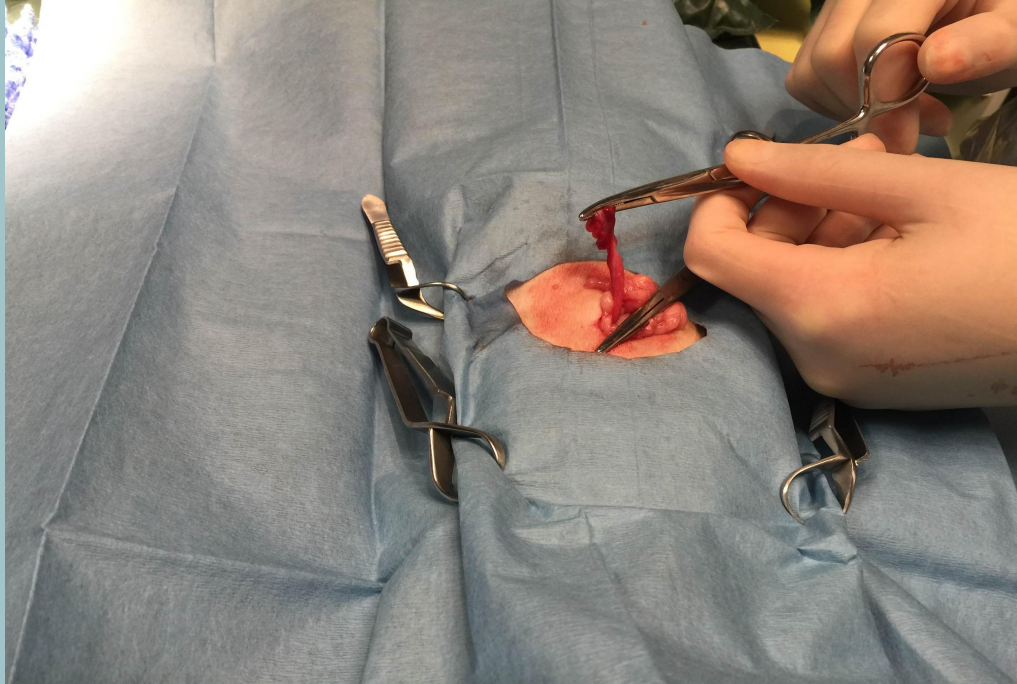


The ovary is located and externalised so the ovarian pedicle can be ligated. This is performed for both ovaries

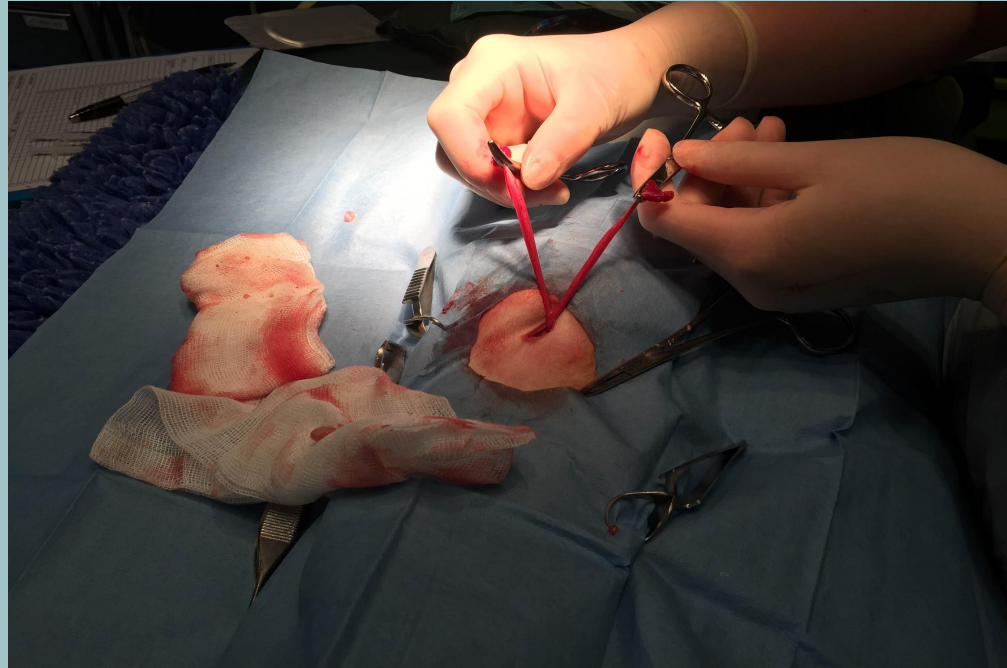




The ovarian pedicle being ligated or 'tied off' to allow removal

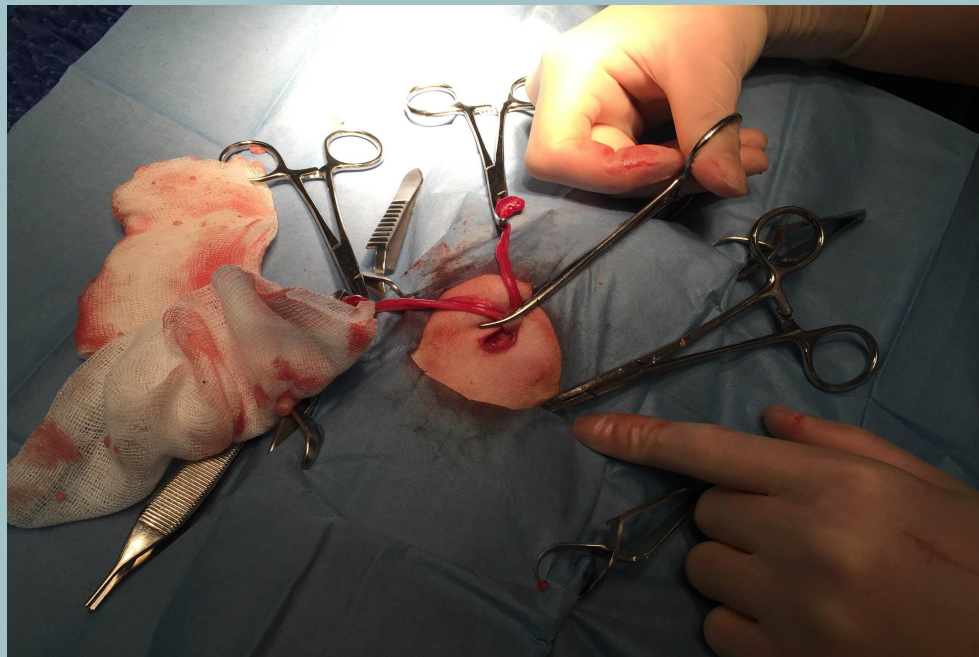


This picture shows the ovary and the uterine horn

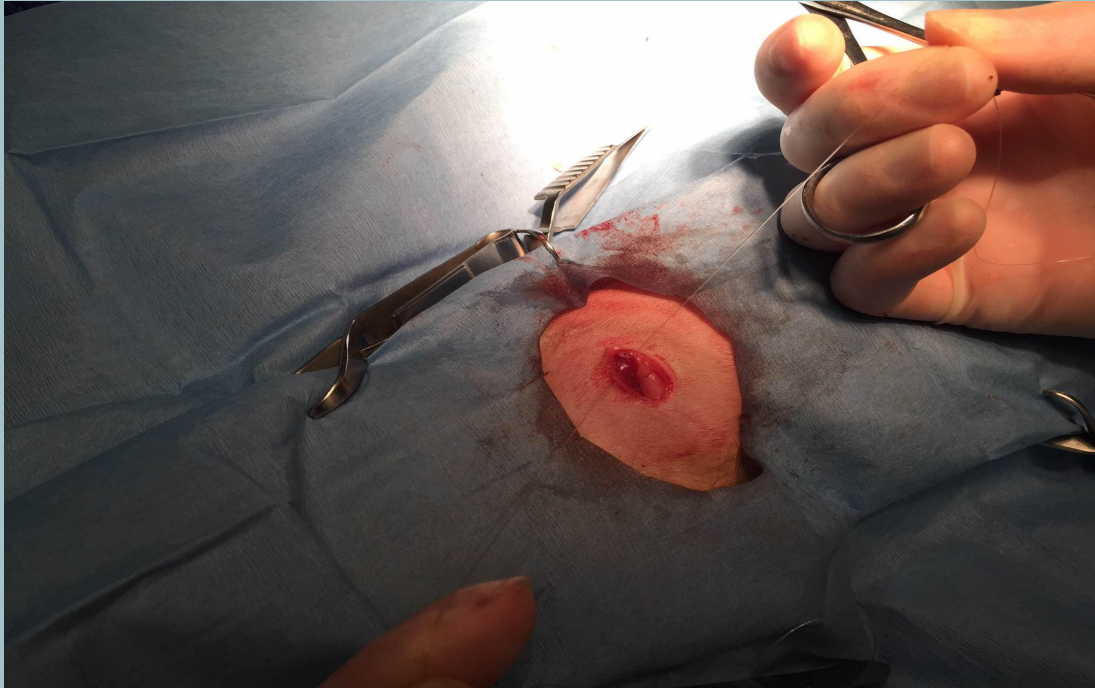


Both ovaries have now been ligated and the uterine horns are extended to show the uterine body





A clamp is placed on the uterine body. The section above this clamp is the part that is removed ensuring that your cat no longer comes in to season and is no longer able to become pregnant



The surgeon sutures the muscle layer of the wound first using soluble sutures



The skin layer is closed using subcuticular stitches which dissolve naturally so do not need to be removed.



Your cat returns to a heated comfy bed to recover





Your pet recovers with either a Buster Collar or Recovery Shirt - the vet will advise which they feel your cat will tolerate best



Your cat returns to the clinic 5 days after the surgery for a check over with a nurse so we can assess the wound and ensure they are back to full health.