



## How Are Holistic Spays and Neuters Different?

Our spays and neuters are done somewhat differently than most veterinary clinics.

As with all good surgical procedures at other clinics, we perform blood work and analyze it prior to any sedation being given. Sedation is given to keep your pet comfortable during catheter placement and going into surgery. Your pet is monitored closely and fluids are given while under anesthesia.

What we do in addition:

- We prefer to perform spays and neuters when fully developed.
- We provide post-surgical acupuncture for pain and inflammation.
- A cold laser treatment is given in order to reduce inflammation and promote healing.
- Homeopathic remedies are given to assist with trauma and pain, and to promote healing. Additional pain medication is administered if necessary.
- One tech monitors and remains with your pet until he or she has awakened from anesthesia. Cats and small dogs are held by one of our staff and are kept warm with blankets that have been warmed and/or a hot water bottle filled with warm water. Larger dogs may be recovered on blankets with a tech lying beside them and kept warm in the same way.
- Your pet is sent home with an herbal supplement such as SLF Forte or Detox Blend to assist with detoxification of the anesthesia.
- Most surgeries are closed with absorbable sutures, so there is no need to come back to have sutures removed.