



## How to book an appointment

If you are a registered client and wish to take advantage of this service please ask a member of our team for further details. Alternatively, contact our Queens Road veterinary hospital to book an appointment.

Patients are admitted at 8-30am and usually discharged the same day. Patients must be greater than 12kg to benefit from this service. In addition, dogs must not be in season or have been in season in the last 3-4 months.

Although the incisions are small we still have to clip a large area, as for a normal spay, just in case conversion to a traditional spay is required. This may be necessary if an unforeseen problem is discovered during the laparoscopic procedure.

Patients are discharged with 2-3 days of pain relief & the sutures are checked 8-10 days later via our nursing clinics. Lead exercise is recommended for the first few days.

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## Laparoscopic Spays

- Are performed at our Queens Road veterinary hospital in Cheadle Hulme on a day case basis
- Have small incisions, usually less than the diameter of a 1p coin, although occasionally the incisions will be larger
- Result in less tissue trauma, less pain, less risk of post operative infections and less risk of wound complications
- Result in shorter recovery times and there is less need to restrict dogs to lead exercise: ideal for active boisterous dogs
- Cost around £60-70 more than a traditional spay procedure
- Are still entitled to our Pet Club early neutering discount of 20%



## Laparoscopic Spay Surgery



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**Our registered clients and their dogs can benefit from this minimally invasive surgery - we are the only practice in Manchester to be able to offer laparoscopic spay surgery to our first opinion clients.**

Laparoscopic surgery has become the gold standard for a wide range of operations in humans because it is associated with reduced post operative pain. It is commonly referred to as “keyhole” surgery. Sadly, due to the additional equipment costs and training required, laparoscopic spays are rarely performed in dogs in the UK. However, we have made a substantial investment in staff training and equipment and are very pleased to be able to offer this minimally invasive service to our clients & their pets.

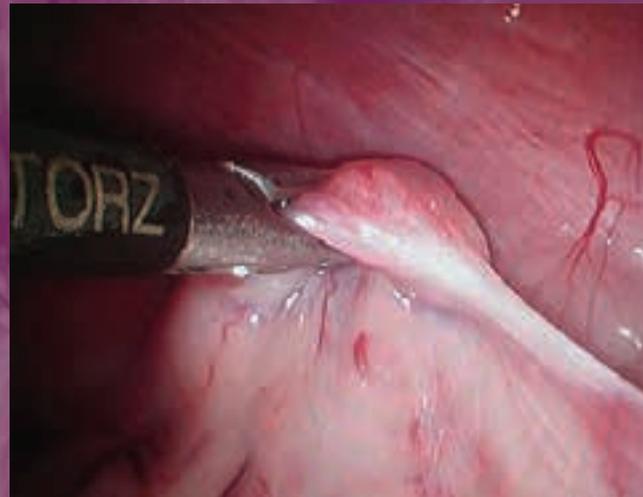
The surgical technique enables abdominal surgery (e.g. spay) to be performed by inserting a small camera and specially designed instruments through tiny incisions in the body wall. In many cases the wounds are less than the size of a 1p coin, although occasionally the incisions will be larger.



Monitors mounted in the operating theatre allow the surgeon to visualise the surgical field, allowing very intricate surgical procedures to be performed with minimal trauma. Dogs can be spayed safely and with less pain using laparoscopic surgery.

Although descriptive, we try not to use the term “keyhole” surgery: many vets claim to offer “keyhole” surgery when they are actually offering conventional open surgery performed through smaller than normal incisions. These incisions are still large compared to laparoscopic incisions. The smaller incisions are not beneficial: conventional open surgery carried out through smaller incisions means reduced visualisation of the surgical field. A surgeon pulling on organs he or she cannot see is neither safe nor pain free.

In contrast, laparoscopic surgery is minimally invasive and allows superb visualisation of the surgical field. The magnified view afforded by the small camera (or endoscope) is often better than that achieved during traditional open surgeries.



Better visualisation means safer more accurate surgery. In addition, because the laparoscopic incisions are so small, there is less tissue trauma, less pain, less risk of post-operative infections and less risk of wound complications. Pets have shorter recovery times and there is less need to restrict dogs to lead walks for as long after surgery, ideal for boisterous, active bitches.

Laparoscopic spay surgery, is slightly different to the conventional open surgical procedure: only the ovaries are removed leaving the uterus (the womb) in place. In conventional open surgery, both the ovaries and the uterus are removed. However, the conventional procedure has been shown to confer no additional benefit over the laparoscopic technique.



If you are considering a laparoscopic spay, please contact any of our branches for more details. All of our vets are happy to discuss the benefits of this technique.