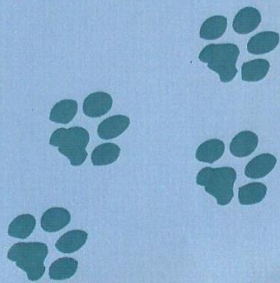


## What is a Laparoscopic Spay?

Laparoscopy is a minimally invasive technique for viewing the internal structures of the abdomen. A laparoscope (camera) is inserted through a small incision in the abdomen which magnifies the internal structures of the abdomen on a TV monitor for thorough examination. Additional small incisions are made to facilitate the use of surgical instruments. The most common application of laparoscopy is biopsy. In recent years, laparoscopy has been adopted as less traumatic and less painful alternative to traditional spays.



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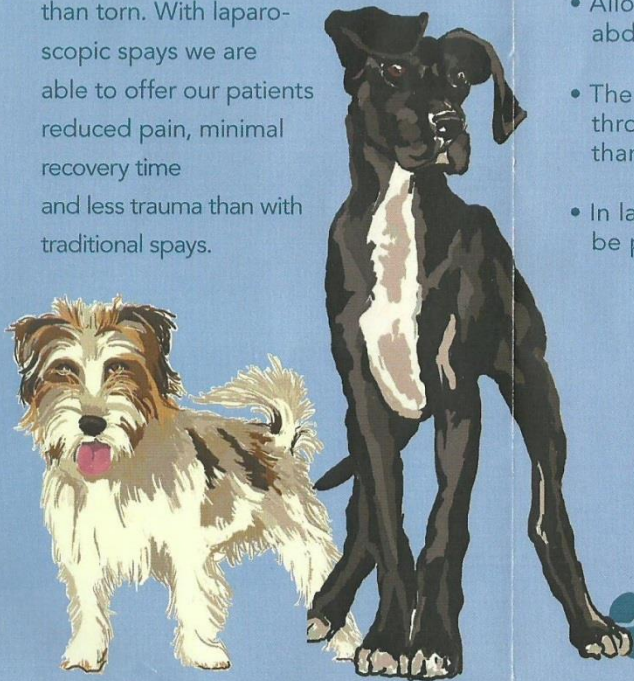
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## Laparoscopic Spays

In laparoscopic spays the procedure is performed through two or three small incisions in the abdomen, typically 3/16" inch in size depending on the size of the animal. With the laparoscope we are able to perform the surgery with magnified views of the organs, allowing for greater precision. The ovarian ligament is carefully cut and cauterized, rather than torn. With laparoscopic spays we are able to offer our patients reduced pain, minimal recovery time and less trauma than with traditional spays.

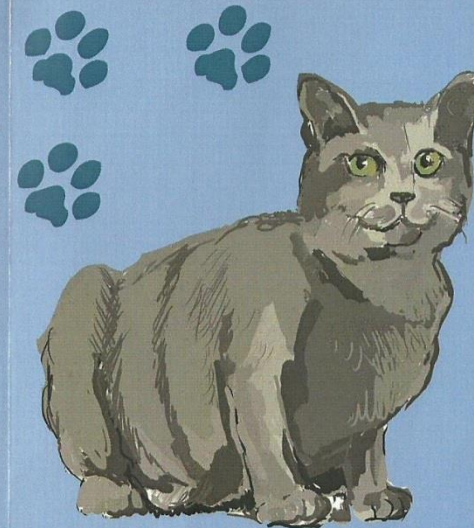


## Advantages of Laparoscopic Spays over Traditional Surgery

- Smaller incisions are less painful and reduce recovery time.
- Controlled cuts minimize pain and bruising caused by tearing tissue in traditional spays.
- Simple to perform and involves few complications.
- Allows for excellent visualization of abdominal organs.
- The entire surgery is performed through a few tiny incisions rather than a larger abdominal opening.
- In larger breed dogs gastropexy can be performed at the time of spay.



## Traditional Spays



In traditional spays a 2" to 3" incision is made in the abdomen through which the ovarian ligament is torn from the abdominal wall. This tearing may cause bruising to the abdominal wall and postoperative pain. By performing the procedure laparoscopically, the patient experiences less trauma and minimal pain.

