Spay/Neuter Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. What is the difference between the terms Spay and Neuter?
Spay is the term for ovariohysterectomy, or the removal of portions of the reproductive system of a female cat. Neuter is the term that describes castration, or the removal of the testicles of a male cat.

2. Should I spay or neuter my pet?
One of the biggest reasons we encourage you to spay or neuter your kitten is for population control. In addition to this, marking in male cats can be prevented by neutering.

3. Can my pet get a microchip at this time?
Yes! It's a fact of life that sometimes things don't go as planned, and no matter how many precautions you take, your kitten could escape your yard or home. Placing a microchip while your pet is under anesthesia skips the discomfort of having a microchip placed and increases the likelihood your pet makes it back home to you in the unfortunate case that they go missing.

4. What vaccines are required to have my pet spayed or neutered at Valley West?
Here at Valley West require all kittens and adult cats to have the FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia) vaccine, Rabies.

5. How long does my pet have to stay at the hospital?
Your kitten will be dropped off at the hospital the morning of their surgical procedure between 7:30-8:30 a.m. They will stay until around 3:30 p.m., allowing us to monitor their recovery from anesthesia before sending them home with you.

6. What does the cost of the spay/neuter include?
All kittens will receive a pre-anesthetic exam, pain medications prior to their surgical procedure, general anesthesia, the surgical procedure, surgical monitoring, suture material, and post-operative pain medication.

7. Will my kitten need to wear an E-Collar?
We do require all patients who have been spayed or neutered to go home wearing an e-collar. This is to prevent your cat from disturbing his/her incision site and prevent secondary

infections and post-operative complications. We keep these in stock and are happy to provide you with the correct size to go home.