

## Have You Also Considered...

### Price Lists

Bloodwork Pricing	
Cats under 2 years	\$40
Cats 2 – 8 years	\$102
Cats over 8 years	\$141

Pricing for bloodwork increases as pets age because anesthetic risks also increase in these animals. We do more testing to ensure your pet has the safest anesthetic experience possible.

Cat Neuter Price	\$99
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Surcharges	
Cryptorchid - Inguinal	\$37
Cryptorchid - Abdominal	\$89

A “cryptorchid” neuter is one in which one or both testicles have not descended into the scrotum. Removing these testicles may require an extra incision in the groin (inguinal) or the belly (abdominal). This requires extra time and increases the cost. Cryptorchid cats are uncommon and can be easily identified at your pre-surgical examination.

### ...Vaccines?

Vaccinating your cat is the best way to prevent disease. Vaccines protect your pet against common viruses. At Truro Veterinary Hospital we work with you to develop the best vaccine schedule for your pet, based on your lifestyle and your pet’s individual needs. Please ask us for information about vaccinating your cat.

### ...Deworming?

Worms are a common disease of cats and are easily prevented and treated. A flavoured tablet given once monthly can protect your pet. Some types of worms can also cause serious disease in humans. Please ask us for more information about deworming.

### ...Feline Leukemia Testing?

Feline Leukemia virus (FeLV) is the number one infectious disease killer of cats. FeLV is most commonly passed between cats by licking or biting. Infected pregnant cats can pass the virus to kittens in the womb and through nursing. A simple blood test can determine if your cat is infected with FeLV.

# Cat Neuters At Truro Veterinary Hospital



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## **Why Should My Cat Be Neutered?**

Neutering your cat helps to prevent overpopulation and unwanted kittens. In addition, male cats who have been neutered are healthier, happier pets. The desire to roam in search of a mate is eliminated in 90% of cats. The risk of testicular cancer is eliminated and the risk of prostate disease is greatly reduced. Neutering can also decrease territorial aggression and urine marking.

## **Why is Pre-Surgical Blood Work Important?**

All patients, not just the old or sick, must have basic pre-anesthetic blood tests performed. In young pets we assess the blood sugar, kidney and liver values, and red blood cell count. Older animals will require more extensive pre-anesthetic blood work. Even in pets under one year old, blood work will occasionally detect abnormalities that could affect anesthesia and your pet's recovery from surgery.

**The following services are all included with the cost of your cat neuter:**

## **Examination**

Your pet will receive a complete physical examination prior to surgery. This exam will ensure that your pet is healthy and ready to undergo surgery. If you choose your pet may stay overnight with us prior to surgery at no extra charge. Cat neuters go home in the evening after surgery.

## **IV Fluids**

Many drugs used for general anesthesia tend to cause blood pressure to decrease. Intravenous fluids will combat this decrease. In addition, if there are any adverse reactions under anesthesia, an intravenous catheter allows immediate administration of emergency drugs.

## **Pain Medication**

Surgery hurts! It doesn't matter if the patient is a human, a cat, or a guinea pig. To reduce the amount of pain your pet experiences, we provide pain relief immediately before and after surgery. We also send home oral pain medication for a few days following the surgery.

## **Patient Monitoring**

It is critical to monitor your pet's vitals while under anesthesia to ensure that the respiratory and cardiovascular systems are functioning well, and to ensure that your pet is not under too lightly or too deeply. We also monitor body temperature and provide an external heat source to ensure your pet does not become too cold.

## **Microchip**

All pets receive a complimentary microchip while they are under anesthesia. Microchips act as permanent identification in the event your pet is lost or stolen. About the size of a grain of rice, the microchip is implanted beneath the skin over your pet's shoulder blades. Once in place, the number on the chip can be read with a hand-held scanner, and that number is matched with your contact information. The microchip can be declined if you prefer.

## **Nail Trim**

All pets receive a complimentary nail trim while they are under anesthesia. This service can be declined if you prefer.