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Care First Animal Hospital becomes one of the first veterinary practices in the Raleigh area to offer laparoscopic spays, a revolutionary new veterinary surgery which enables patients to be 65% more comfortable post operatively.

Raleigh, NC, September 2013 – Care First Animal Hospital strongly believes that spaying or neutering your pet imparts important health benefits, and now offers a less invasive and more comfortable alternative to the traditional spay procedure. Laparoscopy, also known as Minimally Invasive Surgery, has become the standard in human medicine and is now proving to significantly improve the quality of our pet's lives.

By incorporating a state of the art endoscopy system from VetOvation, Inc., the veterinary team at Care First Animal Hospital has introduced human technology and technique into veterinary medicine. Laparoscopy allows veterinarians to perform less invasive and more comfortable surgical procedures such as spays, diagnostic biopsies, and sinus explorations.

Utilizing two or three tiny keyhole incisions and specialized tissue sealing techniques (rather than a larger incision and internal sutures), the laparoscopic method provides less tissue bruising, minimizes blood loss, and eliminates the risk of internal suture reactions. A pet is not required to be confined after laparoscopic surgery, generally does not require pain relief medication, and has a faster recovery time. Magnification provided by the laparoscope (camera) improves visualization of the organs and allows for better diagnostics.

"Traditional spay methods are safe and effective," said veterinarian Dr. Joe Gordon of CareFirst Animal Hospital, "however, we feel the laparoscopic approach allows numerous benefits to the pet, and we are pleased to offer this advanced technology to our patients."



Dr. Joe Gordon and Dr. Lisa Mendise look to the monitor as they perform a laparoscopic spay on Dottie, a Golden Retriever.



Within a few hours of the procedure, Dottie was ready to return home to her family.

The new technology can be used for more than just spays. Jesse, a dog with the SPCA of Wake County, recently required surgery to remove large bladder stones. As he also has liver disease, the laparoscopic procedure was chosen as a safer method, minimizing Jesse's post-operative pain and allowing him to go back to foster care the very next day.

By performing spays laparoscopically, Care First Animal Hospital offers patients more comfort and reduced recovery time, while safely performing the procedure as an outpatient surgery. The laparoscopic spay involves few complications and allows for better visualization of abdominal organs. Both patient and owner benefit from this more comfortable alternative to traditional surgery.

The laparoscopic spay is a humane and practical method to spay pets, and this state of the art technology is now available in the Triangle area.

VetOvation Inc. is a Raleigh, NC based medical device company that provides affordable minimally invasive surgery equipment and training for private practice veterinarians to be able to transfer the techniques and technology commonly used in human medicine to our beloved pets.

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