

## Worried about speying your bitch?



Pets that are neutered tend to live longer than those that are not. They also tend to be happier and easier to live with, with no problems such as seasons and phantom pregnancies, let alone the possibility of unwanted pregnancies. In addition, neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the risk of life-threatening conditions such as mammary tumours (breast cancer) and infected wombs.

Speying a bitch is usually regarded as being a 'routine' operation. However - in reality it is major abdominal surgery, and involves the removal of either the ovaries alone, or the ovaries and uterus combined. Just ask anyone you know who has had a hysterectomy via an 'open' technique rather than a laparoscopic (keyhole) approach!

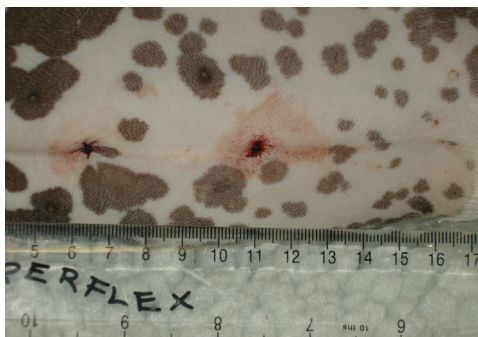
At Toachim House, we believe in continually improving our techniques to be able to offer every pet the best treatment and minimising any postoperative pain and discomfort as far as possible. We are pleased to be able to offer laparoscopic ("keyhole surgery") bitch speys.



*Keyhole spey in progress*

**Disadvantages?** We have to clip more hair as a needle-sized instrument has to go in from the side of the patient. Also, the new equipment has cost us nearly £20,000, and the instruments are delicate and don't last for ever, so we have to charge an extra £145 (including VAT) for a "keyhole" spey.

Until recently, laparoscopy has only been available for humans, but we are one of very few veterinary clinics in the UK to have introduced this pioneering technique. We believe it is a major advance in reducing pain and speeding postoperative recovery.



*Post-op appearance*

Give us a call or ask at reception - your pet deserves it!