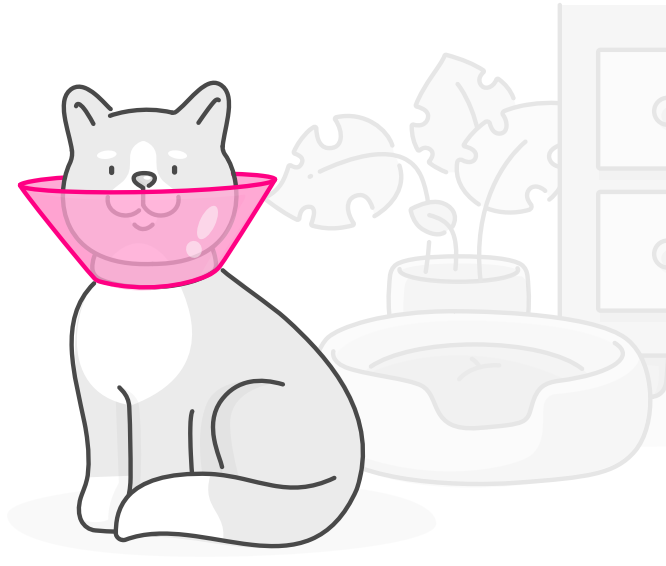


Cat Surgery 101: Costs Care & More



Is your kitty scheduled for surgery? Don't worry, we've got all the info you need in this handy guide. From procedure details to post-surgery care, this guide will help you support your fur baby every step of the way.

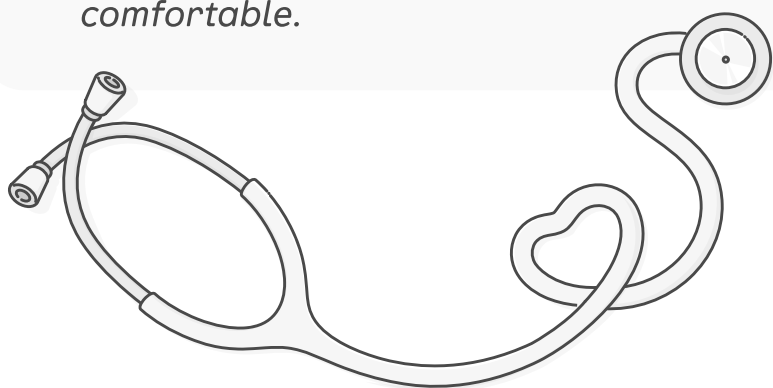
Name of Procedure	Description	Cost Range
Spay/Neuter	Routine procedure to prevent reproduction	\$250-\$2,000
Orthopedic Procedures	Treating joint problems, ligament damage, or setting fractured bones	\$2,000-\$5,000
Exploratory Laparotomy	An incision to check for foreign objects or diagnose issues	\$1,500 - \$4,500
Cystotomy	Removal of bladder stones	\$1,000-\$3,000
Mass Removals	Cutting away cysts or benign tumors	\$500-\$2,500
Dental Extraction	Removal of damaged or diseased teeth	\$150-\$600

Common medication costs

- **Pain medications:** \$20-\$100
Keep your pet comfortable after surgery.
- **Antibiotics:** \$15-\$50
Prevent infections at the surgical site.
- **Anti-inflammatory drugs:** \$10-\$60
Reduce swelling and discomfort post-surgery.

Post treatment care

- **Elizabethan collar ("cone of shame"):** \$10-\$30
Prevents your cat from licking the surgical site, which could cause infection or complications.
- **Bandage changes:** \$10-\$50 per visit
Your cat may need bandages changed regularly by the vet to ensure a clean recovery.
- **Follow-up vet visit:** \$50-\$150
At these visit(s), your vet will check for any signs of infection or complications.
- **Home care supplies:** \$20-\$100
Supplies may be necessary to keep the surgical site clean and keep your cat comfortable.



What to expect after surgery

After surgery, it's normal for cats to feel groggy from the anesthesia. Your cat may sway or have difficulty balancing, but don't worry—this is common and will wear off in about 24 hours. Keep your cat in a quiet, safe area while they recover.

Here's how to help them heal:

- Limit their movement to prevent reopening of wounds or stitches.
- Make sure they don't lick or bite at the surgical site by using an Elizabethan collar.
- Follow your vet's instructions for administering medications, like pain relievers or antibiotics.

Important questions to ask your vet

It's important to go into any surgery well-prepared. Make sure to ask your veterinarian these key questions:

- What type of anesthesia will my cat receive?
- How long will the surgery take?
- What are the potential risks and complications?
- What kind of post-operative care will be required?
- How will you handle any pain or discomfort my cat may experience?