



What is Keyhole Surgery?

Keyhole Surgery or Laparoscopy refers to surgery performed through very small incisions, usually 1cm long, using a camera system called a laparoscope to see inside the body and perform surgery.

Through these small incisions the surgeon can see all of the internal organs more clearly than with conventional surgery.

Surgery is performed by introducing one or more instruments into the body cavity and using the images from the camera on a TV screen to guide the surgeon.



Other Procedures

Keyhole surgery can be used to investigate and treat many diseases including the following:

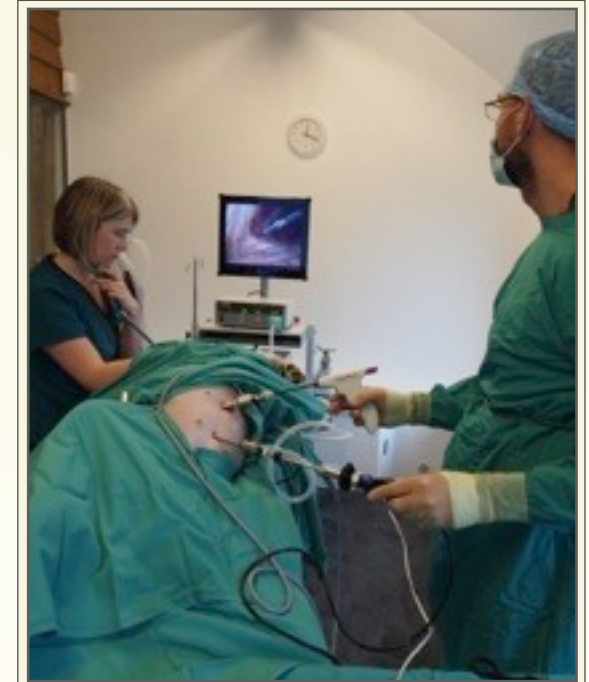
- Exploratory Surgery
- Gastropexy
- Removal of retained testicles
- Liver biopsies
- Pancreatic biopsies
- Bladder surgery in females
- Nasal surgery

For further information please ask Louise or Andrew

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LAPAROSCOPY AT OAK BARN VETS

KEYHOLE SURGERY



We are proud to announce that we are now able to offer Keyhole surgery for your pets.

As you will see from this leaflet there are many advantages to this modern procedure - providing the best care possible and the quickest recovery.





Common questions

- Can any animal have laparoscopy? *Not every animal is a suitable candidate, with small and obese animals sometimes being more difficult.*
- Are there any possible complications? *In rare circumstances, the surgery may be converted into an open procedure to reduce risk to the patient.*
- Is there an age limit? *The procedure is safe in both young and geriatric patients.*
- Is it the same as a normal bitch spay? *The majority of bitches with keyhole surgery will just have their ovaries removed unless a problem with their uterus is found at surgery. This makes it quicker and less painful.*
- Are there any increased risks with just removing the ovaries? *Studies have shown that there is no increase risk in uterine infection (pyometra) with just removing the ovaries. In fact post operatively there are less complications with discomfort, adhesions and infection.*

Laparoscopy - Keyhole surgery for your pet

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The Keyhole Bitch Spay

Bitch spays are one of the most common surgeries performed in dogs.

Currently this involves major abdominal surgery to remove both the ovaries and uterus, obviously this surgery is not without some discomfort for the dog. Despite sutures hidden under the skin and modern pain relief most dogs require strict rest for 48 hours and lead exercise only for 10 days after a routine 'open' spay.

We are now happy to offer our clients the option of keyhole bitch spays. There are many benefits to this minimally invasive approach including:

- Decreased operative and post op pain therefore lighter anaesthesia and a faster/more predictable recovery
- 65% less pain than normal 'open' spays in a recent study.
- No skin stitches and very small surgical incisions (only 1-2cm)
- Reduced risk of patient interference/infection with surgical wounds (no need for the dreaded lampshade!)

- Less surgical trauma internally producing fewer adhesions/scarring post surgery
- A faster return to normal, pain free activity/exercise post surgery
- In large breed dogs a gastropexy can be performed at the same time.

As with all our patients after surgery your pet will come home with some pain killers (anti-inflammatories) for the first 48 hours and a 2 and 7 day post op check-up which is included in the price below.

PRICES		
(Includes blood testing, pre and post operative checks, anaesthesia, fluids if needed and post operative medication)		
	BITCH SIZE	PRICES
"OPEN" SPAY	UNDER 15KG	£190.80
	15 - 30KG	£224.94
	30 - 45KG	£255.24
	OVER 45KG	FROM £285.24
LAPAROSCOPY SUPPLEMENT	ANY SIZE	£126