



Spaying or neutering your kitten. We recommend that all our feline patients are spayed or neutered at or around six months of age; this procedure can *prevent disease* in your pet and help him or her be a much happier and contented housemate for you! At Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital, every safeguard is taken to assure that this surgery will be performed safely. We will remind you to have blood work submitted in the week prior to the surgery to rule out any systematic disease or irregularity that might interfere with the procedure, your kitten will be closely monitored throughout the process, and he or she will be medicated appropriately to treat any discomfort following surgery. You can take your kitten home later the same day, and we will provide you with easy-to-follow discharge instructions. We will ask you to return for a courtesy recheck exam ten days post-operatively; any external sutures will be removed at that time, and your kitten will be examined by one of our veterinary nurses.

A **microchip** used for permanent identification of your kitten is often placed on the same day the spay or neuter is performed, although we can microchip your kitten at any time you feel it is needed. We use the **HomeAgain® microchip** and recovery service, and the fee includes both the microchip placement and registration. Microchip scanners are used at all animal shelters and veterinary hospitals, and can help get your pet back to you safely if he or she is ever lost!

You will receive email reminders from us to refill **Revolution®** for your kitten. Remember, there is no approved treatment for heartworm disease in cats, so *prevention* really is the best medicine for this potentially deadly disease! We recommend that both indoor and outdoor cats are treated with **Revolution®** every month, since each can be exposed to mosquitos that spread heartworm disease. **Revolution®** will also kill any adult fleas present and prevent their eggs from hatching, and treat and control ear mites, roundworms and hookworms.

Oral care and brushing your kitten's teeth. Your kitten's physical exam at Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital will always include careful examination of his or her mouth, teeth and gums. This is an extremely important tool to help maintain your cat's oral health for years to come! *Home dental care* can include brushing the teeth, the topical application of products like Oravet® Plaque Prevention Gel, water additives, or even special chews and treats. We will find the home care that works best for your kitten and your lifestyle, and demonstrate how easily you can accomplish it.