IOWA HUMANE ALLIANCE VETERINARIANS PREFER TO SPAY CATS ON THEIR RIGHT SIDE, ALSO CALLED A FLANK SPAY.

THIS PROCEDURE IS WIDESPREAD IN EUROPE AND IS BECOMING MORE COMMON IN THE UNITED STATES.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS BENEFITS:

- The incision doesn’t interfere if cats are nursing kittens, so they can be spayed before coming into heat again.
- The incision site is extremely visible, allowing an owner to check it daily to make sure it is healing properly.
- Owners report that their cats seem to be more comfortable after surgery and that there is less pain.
- There is less stress on the incision. Gravity naturally pulls the internal organs down upon a spay done on the belly but this doesn’t happen with a flank spay.