

Why Spay/Neuter?

It's good for your pet.

Spaying and neutering your pets help them to *live longer, healthier* lives. Spaying can eliminate the possibility of *uterine infection or cancer, ovarian cancer* and greatly reduce the incidence of *breast cancer*, particularly when spayed before six months or the first heat cycle. Neutering eliminates *testicular/rectal tumors* and decreases the incidence of *prostate disease*.

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Spaying or neutering will make your pet a *better, more affectionate companion*. Non-sterilized pets often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than do those who have been spayed or neutered. Neutering makes pets less likely to mark territory (including furniture), roam the neighborhood, run away, get into fights, be aggressive, or exert dominance over family members. Spaying does away with heat cycles including hormone/personality changes, bleeding and false pregnancies.

Some Myths regarding Spay/Neuter

Pets get less active and fat after Spaying or Neutering

Dogs and cats do not get fat simply as a result of sterilization surgery. Weight gain that seems to follow spay or neuter surgery is most likely a result of continuing to feed a high energy diet to a pet that is reducing his need for energy as he reaches adult size.

Dogs will not be protective after they are altered

Spaying or neutering does not affect a dog's natural instinct to protect his home and family.

Children should experience the miracle of birth

Most dogs and cats have their litters at night in quiet dark places far out of anyone's sight. Besides, every litter of puppies and kittens born contributes to the millions of unwanted dogs and cats who experience the miracle of death every year across America in our nation's pounds and animal shelters.

Males don't have litters, so we don't need to neuter them

It takes both a male and a female to reproduce. While a female dog or cat may only have one litter a year, male animals can impregnate females many times each day.

My pet has such great looks and temperament, we want more just like him

There already are more just like your pet. Before your pet was yours, he was just another animal. Your love and training is what makes your pet different from any of the estimated **15 million pets euthanized** in shelters last year. Even pets with champion lines won't necessarily produce another champion. Only 1 in 10 offspring of champion parents is of high enough quality to show and possibly breed. Inexperienced "backyard" breeders have ruined a great many breeds, often leading to many common genetic disorders.

The babies will be worth a lot of money

Veteran breeders spend well over 130 hours of labor raising the average litter, with days off work and sleepless nights, daily care and feeding, and socializing the young animals. Proper medical care for your breeding stock is expensive. Other costs include stud fees and pre and post-natal care of the female. If anything goes wrong, the cost will be even higher. You will also have to make unpleasant decisions about euthanasia that professional breeders have to deal with on a regular basis.