

Not only does spaying and neutering prevent unwanted litters, it also ensures a variety of health and behavioral benefits for your pet. Here's why it's such a good idea—and why it will ensure that you and your pet live happy, long lives together!

Behavioral Benefits

Unaltered pets have many undesirable behavioral characteristics that are caused by the surges of hormones that occur during the heat and mating cycles. During these surges, your pets will not be able to control their behavior, and may indulge in spraying to mark their territory, roaming, biting, fighting—anything to find a mate. Negative effects of these behaviors range from your pet waking you up with incessant howling to your pet getting lost, stolen, injured or killed.

spaying/neutering include:

Calmer Demeanor

Less temperamental, less aggressive

Easier to Train, Better Behaved

More obedient, more skilled hunting companions

Fewer Injuries, Fewer Lost Pets

Less likely to roam in search of a mate

Cleaner House and Yard

Less likely to spray, fewer noisy strays in your yard

Better Home Environment

Fewer messy stains, fewer annoying/embarrassing habits



Health Benefits

Spaying or neutering your pet drastically reduces or eliminates the risk of many types of cancers, diseases, tumors, infections and other serious health complications. Altered pets generally live longer, healthier lives.

MALES:

Neutering eliminates the chances of developing:

- Testicular tumors and cancer

Neutering greatly decreases the chances of developing:

- Prostatic disease
- Infections and disorders of the prostate glands
- Perianal tumors
- Serious types of hernias
- Infections and disorders of the prepuce

FEMALES:

Spaying eliminates the chances of developing:

- Pyometra
- Ovarian cancer, cysts and infections
- Uterine cancer and uterine infections
- Acute metritis (infected uterus)
- Difficult pregnancy and delivery
- Pseudopregnancies

Spaying greatly decreases the chances of developing:

- Breast cancer and tumors
- Tumors of the reproductive system
- Mammary cancer
- Mastitis (infection of the mammary glands)
- Mammary tumors
- False pregnancies
- Certain skin conditions related to hormonal imbalances
- Hair loss

Community Benefits

A Safer, Cleaner Community

Because homeless companion animals remain unvaccinated, from a public health point of view, they could be regarded as a health hazard, serving as a bridge between rabid wild animals and the human population.

Lower Costs to the Community

In the year 2000 alone, taxpayers spent \$2 billion to control and eliminate unwanted animals.

Lower Costs to You

Fewer health problems, fewer injuries from fighting and fewer accidents from roaming mean fewer vet bills.

Lessens the Burden on Animal Shelters

Animal shelters are overburdened with surplus animals. Every day caring shelter workers must euthanize puppies, kittens, dogs and cats. It's an agonizing job.

**For every one person born,
15 puppies and 45 kittens are also born.**

Please spay or neuter your pet.



Changing lives, one at a time



...think of the thousands of lives it will save!

Every 4 seconds, an animal is killed by euthanasia because no one wants him or her. Together, let's stop the suffering.

Visit the new www.orphananimalrescue.org for detailed, comprehensive spay/neuter information!



Changing lives, one at a time

Together, we CAN end the tragedy of pet overpopulation. Please, we urge you—spay or neuter your pet, or offer to have a friend or neighbor's pet spayed or neutered. It is one way of ensuring that your pet lives a longer, healthier, happier life with you—and it will save thousands upon thousands of lives.

Think of how Neutering or Spaying your pet will improve your pet's life.

- Better behaved, easier to train
- Less likely to get injured or die from fighting or running away
- Less susceptible to cancers and diseases
- very unlikely to spray or hump or howl

AND...

