

Benefits of Spay / Neuter for Pets

The most obvious reason to spay or neuter your pet is to prevent unwanted litters of dogs or kittens. Litters are time-consuming and costly. Along with bringing more pets into the world comes a responsibility to find good homes where they will be sheltered, fed and loved. If you do not have time for this - then please spay or neuter your pet. There are also health and behavior benefits to spaying and neutering.

DOGS



Spaying your female dog before reaching maturity greatly reduces her chances of developing breast cancer and completely eliminates the threat of uterine and ovarian cancer and uterine infections, which are common occurrences in unaltered females.

Neutering your male dog prevents testicular tumors and may prevent prostate problems, perianal tumors and hernias.

Males neutered early in life are less aggressive toward other males and are not distracted by females in heat. Therefore, a neutered male will be less tempted to leave your property. They are also less likely to mark their territory.

Spaying your female cat also greatly reduces the chances of developing breast cancer as well as eliminating uterine infections.



CATS

Neutering your male cat eliminates the urine spraying which marks territory. Neutering also makes the male cat less likely to roam in search of females and may help keep him out of fights with other male cats.

Myth	Fact
Nature intended for animals to have babies.	Is it worth bringing unwanted animals into the world? Isn't it just as important that children learn about pet population?
I can't afford to have her spayed.	Can you afford not to? Can you sleep knowing you've been responsible for animals being born that will not find a good home?
My pet will become fat.	Pets that become fat and lazy after being altered are usually not exercised enough or overfed.
If I breed my pet I can have another just like her	Genetics are complex and breeding two purebred animals rarely results in offspring that are exactly like one of the parents.
Spaying or neutering will change my pet's personality	Attention, training and the genetic make-up of the animal are the factors that determine personality

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