



Spaying and Neutering

Do the right thing

Spaying or neutering your pet is one of the best decisions you can make for his or her health - as well as for the well-being of other animals in your community. It's also a part of responsible pet ownership. We're crazy for puppies and kittens, but no animal should ever be unwanted.

Key benefits:

- **Better health for longer life**
Altered pets live longer and are less likely to contract cancer, infections, and other health problems.
- **Reduced behavioral problems**
Spaying and neutering can lessen unwanted behaviors such as, roaming, spraying, inappropriate elimination or mounting.
- **Fewer unwanted pets**
Please help reduce the amount of puppies and kittens placed in animal shelters each year.

Questions & Answers

When should I spay or neuter my pet?

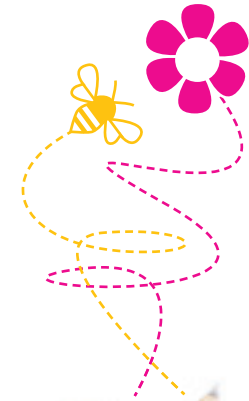
Ideally, your pet should have it done before the age of 6-12 months.

Is anesthesia risky?

Though anesthetic drugs currently in use are very safe, there is always an inherent risk. We will ensure that there are no underlying health problems prior to the procedure. During anesthesia, your pet's heart rate, blood oxygen and other parameters will be closely monitored. After surgery, your pet will be watched until he or she is fully awake.

Will the procedure hurt my pet?

Any surgery is painful, but our staff is trained in the most current pain management protocols available before, during, and after the procedure, giving your pet the most loving care possible.



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“Spaying” female pets

Spaying (ovariectomy or ovari hysterectomy) is a major surgical procedure in which both ovaries alone or the ovaries and the uterus are completely removed from your pet while under general anesthesia. Upon completion, the incision is closed with sutures, skin-bonding material or skin staples, and it takes 10 to 14 days to heal.

Spaying before the first heat cycle (around 6 months of age) reduces the chance of breast cancer occurring later in life by 95%. This benefit decreases each time your pet comes into heat, so it's best to have your pet spayed early in life. Spaying also eliminates the possibility of uterine infection, which can be fatal, as well as ovarian or uterine cancer.

“Neutering” male pets

Neutering (castration) is a minor surgical procedure that involves the removal of both testicles from your pet while under general anesthesia. Upon completion, the incision is closed with sutures or skin-bonding material and it takes 10 to 14 days to heal.

Removing the testicles helps prevent certain infectious diseases as well as enlargement of the prostate gland, an age-related problem that can make urination painful or difficult. It also eliminates the possibility of testicular cancer.

Both spaying and neutering decreases the influence of hormones on behavior, so your pet will be less likely to roam or be aggressive.



Because no animal should ever be unwanted

Animal shelters and humane organizations are overwhelmed with the number of abandoned and unwanted pets. Between 3 and 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year. Don't contribute to animal overpopulation - spay or neuter your pet!

Even if you have homes for the puppies or kittens your pet delivers – it still means fewer potential homes for other unwanted pets.

Be sure to withhold food the night before your pet's surgery. We will instruct you on when to withhold water.

Once home, keep your pet quiet and in the house for a few days to allow time to heal.

Give medication for pain as directed.

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