



OHLONE HUMANE SOCIETY

Advocating For All Animals Since 1983

Spay and Neuter Benefits for You and Your Animal

Why Spay?

Spaying is the operation performed on female animals to prevent pregnancy. There are many advantages to spaying your animal.

Easier for you

- Eliminates Messy “heat periods”
- Eliminates the scent that attracts annoying males
- Eliminates the frantic pacing and crying while in heat (cats are especially vocal)
- Reduces license fees, quickly covering the cost of the operation

Healthier for your Pet

- Eliminates the problem and risks of pregnancy and birth
- Eliminates the common problems of cancer and infection in the uterus later in life.
- Decreases the possibility of mammary tumors

Reduces the Overpopulation Problem

- Rids you of the worry of what to do with unplanned litters of puppies or kittens.
- One female dog or cat can be responsible for 4372 offspring in just seven years.

Eliminates Sexual Frustration

- Decrease your animal’s desire to roam in search of a mate, reducing the risks associated with free-roaming animals (hit by car, picked up by Animal Control, etc)

Myths

Spaying will make her fat.

False. Spaying your pet will not make her fat or lazy. Too much food and not enough exercise is the main cause of overweight animals.

She should have one litter first.

False. It is actually better for her NOT to have a litter or heat period before being spayed. She can be spayed at six months of age.

I will find homes for my puppies or kittens.

False. Remember each time you place one from your litter, somewhere else an animal is being killed because there was no home for him. Right now in the United states alone, 15 million animals are being killed each year for lack of home. And remember, as a taxpayer, you PAY to have this done!



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Why Neuter?

Neutering is the quick operation performed on male dogs and cats, which prevent them from causing unwanted pregnancies in females. There are many advantages to the male animal as well as to the owner by having this done.

Easier for you

- Usually stops tomcats from “spraying” foul smelling urine
- Reduces the annoying and embarrassing urge of male dogs to “mount” people’s legs
- Reduces license fees, quickly covering the cost of the operation
- Reduced aggression against other animals. Fewer fights will save you money and aggravation.

Healthier for your Pet

- Without the urge to seek out females, your pet runs lower risks associated with free-roaming animals (hit by car, picked up by Animal Control, etc)
- Reduces the risk of prostate problems and cancerous tumors later in life

Reduces the Overpopulation Problem

- One male running loose for just a few hours can impregnate many females, adding to the serious problem of unwanted puppies and kittens

Eliminates Sexual Frustration

- A frustrated male can break down doors and jump fences in his desire to mate
- A neutered pet is a more relaxed and loyal member of your family

Myths

Neutering will take away the “guard dog” instincts.

False. Neutering a dog does not reduce his ability as a guard dog. He will still be as protective of his territory as he was before the surgery.

Neutering will make him fat.

False. Neutering does not make your pet lazy or fat. Too much food and not enough exercise is the main cause of excess weight in animals.

Neutering will hurt him.

False. Neutering is a safe and relatively painless operation done by a licensed veterinarian. Your pet will appreciate the freedom from sexual frustration.