

SPAY / NEUTER FACTS

All pets not intended for breeding should be surgically spayed / neutered for many important reasons. Not only will this surgery improve the health and behavior of your pet, but you will be doing your part in reducing the unwanted pet population. Millions of unwanted animals are euthanized each year because good homes are limited and most pets simply cannot be adopted out.

Unneutered and unsprayed pets often develop expensive and complicated medical problems later in life.

THE BENEFITS

FEMALES

Spaying / Ovariohysterectomy

- ✓ Prevents behavioral signs of heat
- ✓ Prevents blood stains on carpet and furniture due to heat cycle
- ✓ Decreases the chance of breast cancer
- ✓ Eliminates the chance of ovarian problems
- ✓ Eliminates the chance of uterine infections and cancer
- ✓ Prevents unwanted pregnancy

MALES

Neutering / Castration

- ✓ Reduces incidence of prostate cancer
- ✓ Eliminates diseases and cancer of the testicles
- ✓ Decreases the desire to roam
- ✓ Decreases objectionable odor of tom cat urine
- ✓ Prevents spraying and marking territory
- ✓ Decreases undesirable sexual behavior and aggression
- ✓ Prevents unwanted pregnancies

OTHER FACTS

- ✓ Your pet will NOT get fat or lazy because of this surgery. Diet, exercise and heredity have much more influence on the weight and attitude of your pet.
- ✓ Surgery is recommended when your pet is about 5-6 months of age, but it can be done at any age.
- ✓ It is much easier on your pet to be spayed before going through a heat cycle, due to the smaller size of the reproductive tract.
- ✓ Surgery is performed painlessly while your pet is under general anesthesia. Surgical risk is minimal.

A CARING AND HUMANE DECISION

