

SPAY AND NEUTER: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT



SPAYING YOUR FEMALE PET

Ovariohysterectomy – removal of the ovaries and uterus

- Eliminates the risk of ovarian and uterine cancer.
- Eliminates unwanted pregnancies.
- If spayed before the first heat cycle, your pet has a less than 1% chance of developing breast cancer. If spayed after one heat cycle, your pet has an 8% chance of developing breast cancer. If spayed after two heat cycles, the risk increases to 26%. After two years of age, no protective benefit exists.
- Pets with diabetes or epilepsy should be spayed to prevent hormonal changes that may interfere with medication.

According to the latest statistics from the ASPCA, approximately 920,000 dogs and cats were euthanized in our nation's animal shelters last year, the vast majority simply because they had no home. Many were puppies and kittens less than 6 months old.

**Help stop this needless loss of life.
Spay or neuter your pet.**

NEUTERING YOUR MALE PET

Castration – removal of the testicles and spermatic cord

- Eliminates the risk of testicular cancer, the second most common tumor in male dogs.
- Greatly reduces the risk of prostate cancer and prostatitis.
- Reduces the risk of perianal tumors.
- Reduces roaming and fighting.
- Eliminates or reduces marking in males neutered before 6 months of age or before the onset of these behaviors.
- Eliminates the risk and spread of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Eliminates unwanted litters.

