

Why Spay or Neuter?

Millions of surplus puppies and dogs are euthanized each year because there are not enough homes for them. Spaying or neutering your dog will help to reduce the pet over-population problem, and may also help to make your dog a better companion by eliminating unwanted behaviors such as roaming and urine marking.

The long-term health benefits are another important reason to spay or neuter your dog at any age. Neutering male dogs eliminates the possibility of testicular cancer and infection and reduces the risk of developing prostate cancer. Spaying females eliminates uterine cancer and infections and reduces the risk of developing mammary tumors.

The surgical procedures for both males and females should be done at an early age in order to realize the greatest health benefits. You should discuss these issues with your veterinarian at your next visit.

Did you know?

- Every day in the United States alone, approximately 70,000 puppies and kittens are born compared to 10,000 humans.
- Based on reports from 1,055 facilities across America, approximately 71% of cats and kittens and 56% of dogs and puppies entering shelters are euthanized for lack of homes.
- It costs U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$2 billion each year to round up, house, kill and dispose of homeless animals.
- An un-spayed cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 in just 7 years.
- An un-spayed dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 in just 6 years.
- A kitten can have her own first litter at the age of 5 months.
- An estimated 5 million cats and dogs are killed every year in pounds and shelters.

