

~ Spaying & Neutering ~

Is it important?

There are many misconceptions concerning spaying and neutering. Below, we've answered some of your most frequently asked questions regarding these procedures. Spaying and neutering your pet may be one of the most important steps you will take in keeping your pet healthy.



Will spaying/neutering cause my pet to become overweight and lazy?

Spaying or neutering your pet will not necessarily have these effects. Hereditary, diet, and how much/what type of exercise your pet receives has much more influence on the weight and attitude of your pet than does surgery.

Is spay/neuter surgery dangerous?

There is always some risk while a patient is under general anesthesia, whether the patient be human or animal. Veterinary procedures are very similar to human medical procedures. The risk is very minor in healthy animals.

Should I wait until my pet has matured or had a litter?

No; the earlier this surgery is done, the better it is for your pet. Your pet's health and behavior will improve with early spaying or neutering. Spaying early also eliminates the risk of possible birthing complications.

When is the best time to have my pet spayed or neutered?

The best age for spaying and neutering is before six months of age. The first heat cycle in a female pet usually occurs around six months. Spaying your pet before her first heat cycle greatly reduces the risk of breast tumors and/or cancer. Neutering your pet prevents many undesirable behavior patterns. It is always easier to prevent these behavior patterns than to correct them. Ask your veterinarian when the best time would be to have your pet spayed or neutered.

BENEFITS OF SPAYING

- Eliminates heat cycles.
- Prevents accidental pregnancies and unwanted offspring.
- Reduces pet overpopulation.
- Reduces risk of breast tumors or cancer.
- Significantly reduces undesirable behavior..
- Prevents uterine infections commonly found in older pets..

BENEFITS OF NEUTERING

- Reduces pet overpopulation.
- Reduces spraying and urine odor in male cats.
- Reduces roaming, fighting, and exposure to diseases.
- Prevents testicular cancer.
- Reduces risk of prostate problems.

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