



Spaying & Neutering

Is it important?

There are many misconceptions concerning spaying and neutering. Take a look at some commonly asked questions and the answers to these questions. Spaying or neutering your pet may be one of the best steps you will ever 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 make your pet become overweight and lazy. Heredity, diet, and how much and what type of exercise your pet receives has much more influence on the weight and attitude of your pet than does the 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 small in healthy animals.

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

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

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

The best age for spaying or neutering is around six months of age. The first heat cycle in a female pet usually occurs around this time. 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.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HAVING MY PET SPAYED OR NEUTERED?



SPAYING

- Eliminates heat cycles
- Prevents accidental pregnancies
- Prevents unwanted offspring
- Reduces risk of breast tumors or cancer
- Significantly reduces undesirable behavior
- Prevents uterine infections common in older pets

NEUTERING

- Significantly reduces prostate & testicular disease or cancer
- Reduces undesirable behavior
- Eliminates urine odor of male cats