

Importance of Spay/ Neuter

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What is a Spay?

- A surgical procedure in female animals during which reproductive organs, such as the ovaries and uterus, are removed.
- This makes the animal unable to reproduce



What is a Neuter?

- A surgical procedure done in male animals in which the testes are removed
- This makes the animal unable to reproduce and eliminates breeding behaviors

When Should You Spay/Neuter Your Pet?



- The recommended age varies by breed and size
- Pet owners should consult with their own veterinarians on what's best for their pet!

Why Spay or Neuter?

- Prevent the birth of unwanted puppies and kittens
 - Litters are a big responsibility and time commitment



Why Spay or Neuter?



- Reduce unwanted behaviors that can lead to owner frustration
 - Frequent urination associated with female heat
 - Territory marking (spraying urine) by unneutered males
 - Roaming and escaping the house/yard in search of a mate
 - Increased risk of injury in traffic and fights with other animals
 - Certain aggression problems
- Spaying/neutering is also cost-effective
 - A spay/neuter surgery is significantly less expensive than having/caring for a litter and surgeries associated with uterine infections.





Ultimately, spaying/neutering your pets helps to reduce pet overpopulation, thus reducing shelter intakes and unnecessary euthanasia.

