

**Prevent them from suffering.
Spay and neuter!**

Caesarean delivery and its complications.

C-section is performed as an emergency procedure in order to recover the remaining fetuses from the uterus of a pregnant animal that is not able to give birth on its own. Pregnancy must be very close to the end of the full gestation period for puppies to have a chance of surviving outside of the mother.

Small female pets delivering large breed mixed puppies often need a C-section. There are other cases where the mother does not have the health or energy to give birth naturally due to old age or being malnourished.

You need to be aware of the potential complications when doing a C-section for your pet. Any type of anesthesia will be passed on to the fetuses and may affect the puppies born by causing heart rhythms and lower respiratory rate. Death by anesthesia can occur for both the puppies and the mother. There is also a risk of infection and deep bleeding from the uterus. If the surgery is not performed on time, it is very likely that the puppies will be stillborn. Regardless, a C-section is necessary so that the mother does not carry deceased puppies inside of her.

Owners are responsible for paying for all veterinary services even if the mother and puppies do not survive during the C-section. Do not risk their lives, spay and neuter.

You have the power to save lives!

Unwanted Pets (Overpopulation)

As animal lovers who value our pets, it is important to understand the impact of our decision when we spay and neuter our pets. The single act of operating your pet will save lives by reducing the number of unwanted cats and dogs. Less animals entering shelters means less animals at risk of euthanasia.

In the United States, it is estimated 6.3 million cats and dogs enter animal shelters each year. These are lost pets, abandoned pets, stray cats and dogs, and feral cats. Fortunately, some of the animals are reunited with their owners. An estimated 4.1 million are adopted from shelters yearly. Sadly, about 920,000 of the yearly entered animals are not as lucky and are considered unwanted, therefore sacrificed (euthanized).

Tax payers pay approximately a quarter of a billion dollars a year to keep public animal shelters operating. This cost includes euthanasia services. You read that right, tax payers are paying for animals to be sacrificed yearly. So why not pay for a spay or neuter operation and save lives?!

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Why Spay or Neuter?



Veterinary Clinics

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No-Kill Shelter/Adoption Center

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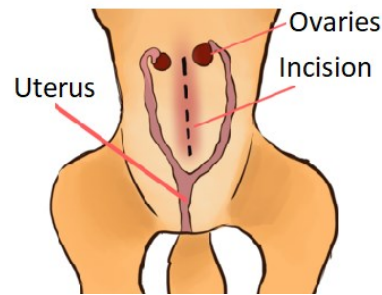
Spay and neuter benefits are magnificent!

What does it mean to spay or neuter? Spay is for female pets and it means the removal of the ovaries and uterus. Neuter is for male pets and it means the removal of the testicles. Once spayed or neutered, our pets can no longer reproduce, their temperament will be less aggressive, they will be at less risk of developing breast cancer or testicular cancer, and your female pet will avoid uterine infections such as **pyometra**.

Are these operations dangerous? Not at all. These types of operations are performed daily. A single surgeon dedicated to only neutering or spaying pets completes multiple operations a day without complications. Animal Samaritans has spayed and neutered over 200,000 dogs and cats.

Should I let my puppy/kitten go into heat for the first time before spaying? It is recommended not to wait. By going into heat, the female pet will attract unaltered males and there is a risk of being impregnated. Unless your veterinarian recommends otherwise, make an appointment to spay your pet as soon as possible. Spaying or neutering begins at four months of age for kittens and five months of age for puppies.

Does my male dog/cat have to be neutered? Yes. A neutered pet will have less desire to run away from home in search of females in heat, avoiding fights between males and reducing the chances of being hit by a car.

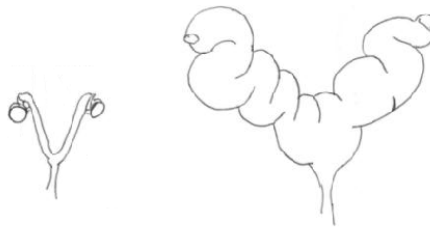


Spay operation will prevent pyometra.

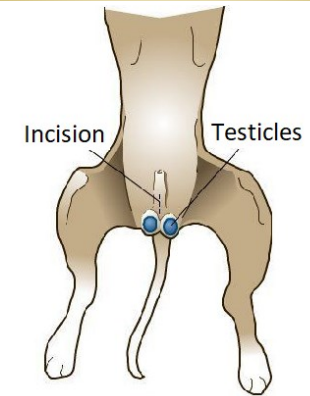
Pyometra is a bacterial infection of the uterus that occurs mainly in middle-aged or older, unaltered female dogs. Although, it can also occur in cats or young female dogs. It can result in the accumulation of infection in the bloodstream or abdominal cavity that can quickly lead to systemic infection, shock, and death.

The severity of symptoms varies depending on whether the cervix is open or closed. If opened, bloody or purulent vaginal secretions may occur. Symptoms of fever, lethargy and rarely diarrhea and abdominal enlargement also occur. In an advanced case, it can produce septicemia, toxemia, peritonitis and renal failure.

The treatment for severe cases is immediate spay operation which by then is high risk of death and more expensive.



Normal Uterus Uterus with Pyometra



Neuter operation prevents testicular cancer.

Testicular cancer is more common in older unaltered male dogs. However, it can occur in male unaltered cats and dogs of any age. The current cause of testicular tumors is unknown. Three common types of tumors are Sertoli cell tumors, seminoma tumors, and interstitial cell tumors.

The most common indications of testicular cancer are inflammation of the testicular and scrotal area, symmetrical hair loss, anemia, and a tendency to attract other males. Tumors can also spread to the abdomen, lungs, thymus, and brain.

Neuter your male cat or dog as soon as possible to prevent any type of testicular tumor from developing.



What was removed? For my health? Thank you!