



Reasons to Spay and Neuter your Pets.

Millions of dogs and cats are euthanized in the US each year, mainly because of irresponsible pet ownership. It can cost the government your tax money to: capture, house, feed and euthanize one homeless animal.

Government doesn't want to keep an animal at any shelter more than they have to, which is usually 5 days and they get 5 days just in case somebody claims them.

For government is cheaper to euthanize and keep your tax dollars for what they think it is important, animals are not a priority to them, in their eyes animals are just 5 th. Class citizens.

But government is not what this article is about, so lets continue.

In addition to the above, there certainly far more of important reasons to have your pet spayed and neutered, those reason are listed below:

1. It increases your pet's chances for a longer and healthier life by reducing the chances of breast cancer and eliminating uterine, ovarian and testicular cancer.
2. Pets that are spay and neuter are less likely to wander and get injured while looking for mates.
3. Males who are neutered early in life are less likely to be aggressive.
4. Females avoid the messy heat cycle and the barrage of amorous males at your doorstep. Specially if your pet is a cat, you will avoid the neighborhood strays from coming to spray all over the perimeter of your house, your neighbors and so forth.
5. Altered pets cannot contribute to overpopulation from accidental breeding thus reducing the number of animals surrendered to shelters every day.

Many people have 1 and a million excuses for not having their pets altered, trust me I have heard it all!

6. Some people think that their pet will get fat and lazy.

Although spaying and neutering diminishes the pet's overall activity level, tendency to wander, and increase appetite, pets that become fat and lazy after being altered are usually overfed and under-exercised.

Their getting fat is got nothing do with your pet being spay or neutered.

7. Some say that they want a pet just like the one they have.

I can tell you that breeding two purebred animals rarely results in offspring that are exactly like one of the parents in personality.

8. Some may be concerned that their pet's personality will change, but any change would be for the better.

As altered pets are less aggressive toward other dogs and other cats and as stated above are less likely to mark their territory, to wander off, to fight making, spay - neutered pets just have better personalities.

9. Some people may want their children to witness the birth of puppies or kittens, "The Miracle of Life"!

However what they do not know is that, most animals will seek privacy and the middle of the night to have their litters!

As I always say, if you want your children to witness the miracle of life (birth), please have your children visit any county shelter!

Then they can really witness how many miracles of life are killed every day and are without homes.

10. Some people are concerned about the risks of anesthesia.

I cannot deny that there is always a slight risk involved, however the anesthetics currently used by veterinarians are very safe.

Pet owners who decide not to spay and neuter their pets certainly have the right to make that decision.

However, there is a responsibility to prevent their pets from adding to the population of animals that wind up in shelters.

That said, if there is a pregnancy, pet owners must be prepared to:

- 1. Provide the best nutrition and veterinarian care for the animal.**
- 2. Remain with the dog or cat during the births to clean and dry the puppies or kittens.**
- 3. Deal with a problem pregnancy or delivery, and be prepared for nurturing and caring for the newborns if the mom rejects them or the mom can feed them because of complication.**
- 4. Bottle feeding schedules for newborns can be exhausting and very demanding as newborns need to be fed every 2 hours and need to be stimulated to go to the bathroom after eating.**
- 5. It can get quite expensive too as formula is NOT cheap.**
- 6. You also need to keep the puppies or kittens warm and the whelping area clean at all times.**
- 7. Keep the puppies or kittens for at least eight weeks.**
- 8. Provide basic health care and socialization before the puppies or kittens are placed in new homes.**
- 9. Provide training and behavior information to new puppy or kitten owners.**
- 10. Take back or help place any puppy or kitten that doesn't work in its original home.**

If you are not prepared for all of the above, unless you are a pet owner that is also a dedicated breeder, it's cheaper, healthier, and far more practical just to spay and neuter the pet.

Once you decide to have your pet spayed or neutered, there are some questions that you may want to ask the veterinarian.

.Does the clinic use a reversible gas anesthesia? It's more expensive, but it's safer.

.Are the instruments sterilized after every use? It's more expensive and time-consuming, but it's safer.

.Does the veterinarian scrub between surgeries? It takes longer, but it's safer.

.Is the dog hooked to a heart monitor? It costs more, but it's safer.

.Is the incision closed with layers of sutures? It takes longer, but it's safer.

HPR encourages all pet owners to spay or neuter their pets.

Please call your veterinarian and make an appointment today.

If you do not have a veterinarian we will be happy to recommend you one.

If cost is an issue, we know very well that regular vets are expensive, please do not let that stop you from doing what is right for your pet.

These days there are many low cost spay-neuter clinics throughout the country, there are even free spay-neuter clinics that Humane Societies and Shelters put out, there are even programs for low income people as well.

Many free spay-neuter programs are specially offered these days for spay and neutering of Feral Cats, get involved in your neighborhood and help these animals that didn't ask to be born.

Some people just feed these animals, feeding is OK but food it is NOT going to stop them from breeding.

Do your part today, again get involved and keep animals from being killed at shelters for no other reason than because they were born!

Here is a link that you can check out:

<http://www.spayusa.org/>

Please note:

We at HPR DO NOT support regulations or legislation about mandatory spay/neuter of all cats and dogs.

We simply do not support it because mandatory spay-neuter will solve nothing, in fact mandatory spay and neuter of all cats and dogs will ONLY extinct these animals from the face of the earth.

A pet less world will be a very sad world!

Mandatory spay-neuter is not going to stop puppy mills from over breeding their animals. And is neither going to stop pet stores from selling unaltered pets that usually come from puppy mills.

Mandatory spay neuter will ONLY make matters worse for these animals by forcing pets owners to avoid licensing their pets, rabies vaccinations and providing veterinary care for their pets.

Mandatory spay and neuter of all pets is NOT the answer, for controlling pet overpopulation.

The answer lies in:

State and local governments developing more dog and cat population control programs.

This should include:

Providing funding to animal control agencies, Humane societies and responsible 501C3 rescue groups.

Strict enforcement of existing animal control laws, licensing of all cats and dogs.
Prohibiting the adoption of intact dogs and cats by humane organizations and shelters.
Requiring permanent identification through microchipping.

Constant and massive public education campaigns about responsible pet ownership.

Animal welfare education in every school in America to educate children so the future for all animals can be brighter and better.

Funding to be provided for more FREE or LOW COST spay neuter clinics.

Funding for TNR programs of feral cat to be issued to every shelter and humane organizations.

**THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER REALLY IS THAT:
ONLY HUMANS CAN PREVENT UNWANTED LITTERS!**

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Other Links:

Reputable breeders do spay and neuter their pets: <http://www.sarcenet.com/neuter.htm>

Guide to TNR - Trap-Neuter and Release.

<http://www.alleycat.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=285>

Please click on this link Here is the real Miracle of Life:

http://samcat.freehosting.net/miracle_kittens.htm