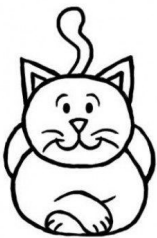


## **PET POPULATION PROBLEM**

Every year, millions of unwanted dogs and cats are needlessly destroyed. The good news is that every pet owner can make a difference. By having your pet surgically spayed or neutered, you will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted puppies and you will enhance your pet's health and quality of life

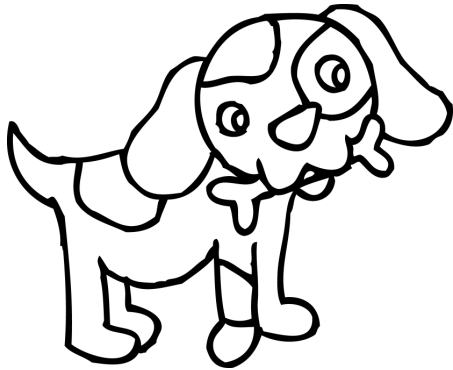


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## **SPAYING AND NEUTERING**





## SPAY AND NEUTER FACTS

- A Spay is the surgical removal of the uterus and ovaries of a female dog/cat
- A neuter is the castration of a male dog/cat
- Both procedures prevent unwanted pregnancies and helps to decrease the overpopulation of animals in shelters
- Contrary to popular belief, the surgery will not make your pet fat. A balanced diet and exercise keep your pet from becoming obese

## WHY DO IT?

- Prevent unwanted pregnancies
- Females live longer, healthier lives when spayed. It prevents uterine infections, breast tumors, and other malignant problems
- Neutering male can completely prevent testicular cancer. It also helps prevent prostate problems as the dog/cat ages
- Eliminates the mess that comes with a female's first heat cycle. They experience a heat cycle approximately every 6 months. It can cause them to loudly vocalize, urinate more frequently, and have a bloody discharge
- Curb unwanted sexual behaviors in males and females. Spaying and neutering can help with urine marking, mounting, and aggression

## WHEN TO DO IT

- Traditionally done around 6-9 months of age, depending on veterinary recommendations. Ask your vet about their recommendations for your pet!

## WHAT DOES THE PROCEDURE COST?

- Spaying/Neutering are a **surgical** procedure-this means that your pet undergoes general anesthesia while being monitored by a Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician
- Cost varies by patient size and gender
- We provide **ESTIMATES** ! We will put together a personalized complementary estimate for your pet that includes every aspect of the procedure from pre-anesthetic blood work to medications used. These are gone over with you individually to make sure there are no questions left unanswered.

