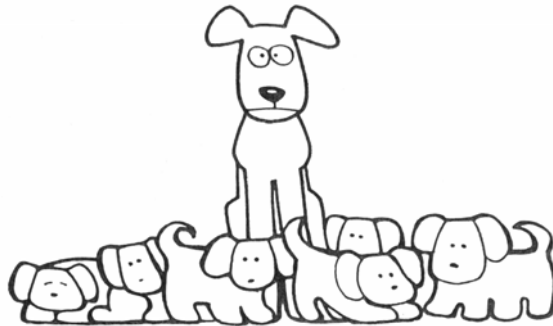


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STRAIGHT TALK . . . about spaying and neutering your pets

It's time to put a stop to the myths surrounding
this life enhancing surgery.



Spaying and neutering your pets WILL NOT:

- ▶ make them fat
- ▶ make them lazy
- ▶ make your male act less "macho"
- ▶ make them less protective
- ▶ increase the number of rodents in your house or yard
- ▶ decrease your pets instinct for self preservation

Spaying and neutering your pets WILL:

- ▶ increase their chances for a longer, healthier life
- ▶ lessen their desire to roam
- ▶ strengthen your friendships with the neighbors
- ▶ decrease the chances of cancer of the uterus and mammary glands in females
- ▶ decrease the chances of testicular and other cancers in males

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- ▶allow your children to learn the truth about pet overpopulation, and increase their awareness of pet responsibility now and in the future
- ▶get rid of those unwanted suitors your pet attracts when she's in season
- ▶decrease the number of unwanted pets in shelters nationwide
- ▶reduce the tragic number of animals that must be euthanized each year simply because there are always more animals than there are homes for them

It is estimated that over 12 million dogs and cats are euthanized by animal shelters nationwide each year. How many of these animals were adoptable? How many came from litters that your dog or cat produced? It is human nature to avoid thinking about unpleasant things, and we would like to believe that "a nice family" will adopt all of the pets abandoned daily. Sadly for too many, this is usually not the case.

The bottom line is that there are no negatives that come from spaying or neutering your pets, and thus no reason not to do so. Speak to your veterinarian today about this simple, life saving surgery.

The problem is simple: We have too many unwanted dogs and cats. Too many for too few homes. Think for a minute how "just one litter" contributes to the overpopulation problem:



Two dogs breed.

Six offspring are born.



Those 6 offspring reproduce within a year and produce 6 offspring each.

In one year's time, 1 litter of 6, turns into 36.



AND IT DOES NOT STOP THERE