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Our Community Commitment

Why Spay and Neuter?

Your female dog or cat will live a longer, healthier life.

Spaying a female cat or dog helps prevent breast cancer and pyometra, a dangerous infection of the uterus. Breast cancer can be fatal in about 50 percent of female dogs and in 90 percent of female cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

There are major health benefts for your male animal companion, too.

Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male dog or cat prevents testicular cancer, if done before six months of age.

Your spayed female won't go into heat.

While cycles can vary greatly, female cats can go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. Dogs can go into heat every six months.

Your neutered male won't need to roam away from home...

An intact male in search of a mate will do just about anything to find that perfect mate including digging his way under or jumping over the fence. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic, fights with other males and the possibility of becoming lost.

...and he will be much better behaved.

Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. Unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. These behaviors are reduced when a male pet is fxed. A neutered dog protects his home and family just as well as unneutered dog and many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering. Example: Most fixed pets display less or no bad behaviors (as mentioned above) because a spay/neuter prevents the hormones from being produced therefore removing many of the tendencies displayed by intact male/females animals.

Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.

Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds, not neutering or spaying. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor food intake.

Spaying or neutering is highly cost-effective.

The cost of your pet's spay or neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having an unexpected situation arise from an unaltered animal, such as caring for, an accidental litter of puppies or kittens (minimum of 8weeks plus cost of vaccinations, food and other supplies). In addition, it is much more cost-effective than medical conditions that could arise such as having to take your pet to the emergency clinic for a c-section, which is common with small breeds. You can also protect your dog from a Pyometra; a dangerous infection of the uterus.

Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to witness the miracle of birth.

Letting your pet produce offspring that you have no intention of keeping teaches your children irresponsibility. There are countless books, videos and Humane Education classes available to teach your children about birth in a responsible manner; additionally teaching your children that pets are not objects. In addition, if this cycle continues with others you have given the offspring to...Your 4 puppies/kittens can now become 16+animals added into the community in just one year.

It packs a powerful punch in the fght against pet overpopulation.

Nearly 90,000 animals entered Valley shelters in 2011 and nearly half of those pets were put down. Spaying and neutering is the most efective way to control pet homelessness in our community. Please visit our Impact page for 2012-2015 Community Impact results.