

WHY NEUTER?

1. PREVENTS UNWANTED BEHAVIORS.

--URINE MARKING: Animals do this in order to mark their territories and ward off possible invaders. To people it is a very unwanted behavior, because it can include rugs, furniture, and even electronics.

--AGGRESSION: Intact animals tend to be less predictable in social settings.

--ROAMING: Intact males can smell a female in heat up to 5 miles away. They have an inherent drive to mate so they will go looking for the female. Therefore, they will dig under or climb over fences to escape yards.

2. BETTER HEALTH FOR YOUR PET.

--CANCER: Intact males have a greater risk of developing tumors of the prostate, testicles and associated tissues.

--EXTENDED LIFE: It has been shown that neutered pets overall live longer.

3. DECREASE PET OVERPOPULATION.

In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. Many people are surprised to learn that nationwide, more than 2.7 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters annually. Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100% effective method of birth control for dogs and cats.

MYTHS

Neutering will make my pet fat.

Neutering does not directly result in obese pets. Too much food and not enough exercise results in pet obesity.

Neutering will decrease the "guard dog" instincts.

It is a dog's natural instinct to protect home and family. A dog's personality is formed more by genetics and environment than by sex hormones.

Neutering will hurt him.

The surgery is a safe and relatively painless procedure done by a licensed veterinarian.

Research has resulted in significant improvements in pain medication. When done at a younger age, their rate of healing is drastically faster. Health risks of leaving your pet intact are much more life-threatening.