



# Why Neuter?



There are many medical and behavioral benefits to having your male cat or dog neutered:

1. Better health for your pet
    - Reduces risk of prostate enlargement and testicular tumors later in life
    - Less likely to contract diseases through mating (ex: Feline FIV, FeLV)
    - Shown to increase lifespan
  2. Behavioral Improvements
    - Reduces spraying and marking of territory
    - Reduces desire and risk associated with roaming in search of a female mate (ex. Getting hit by car, etc.)
      - Did you know a male dog can sense a female in heat up to 3 miles away?
    - Reduces aggression against other animals
    - Reduces mounting behaviors of male dogs
  3. Helps Decrease Overpopulation Problem
    - In 3 years, and as early as 4 months of age, an unneutered male and unspayed female can produce:
      - **512** dogs
      - **382** cats
- **MYTH:** My pet's growth will be stunted if I neuter him too young
  - **MYTH:** Neutering will take away the "guard dog" instincts

- Neutering does not affect a dog's natural instinct to "defend his turf" - he'll be less likely to wander off.