

WHY spay or neuter your pet



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DID YOU **know?**

Pet overpopulation is a serious problem. It costs the lives of millions of animals and costs communities millions of dollars a year. There are simply too many animals and not enough homes. This is the most obvious consequence of uncontrolled breeding.

The scale of the problem is hard to imagine. Every day 10,000 people are born while 70,000 dogs and cats are born.

The Humane Society is dedicated to spay-neuter for its many benefits as well as its direct effect on improving quality of life for all residents of the Capital Region, whether they are people or pets. The more local pets are spayed or neutered, the less residents have to worry about animals roaming the neighborhood and the extreme difficulty of finding good homes for homeless animals.

benefits of SPAYING & NEUTERING

Benefits of Spaying (females):

- No heat cycles, therefore males will not be attracted
- Less desire to roam
- Reduces or eliminates risk of ovarian and /or uterine cancer, especially if done before the first heat cycle
- Reduces number of unwanted cats/kittens/dogs/puppies
- Helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives

Benefits of Neutering (males):

- Reduces or eliminates risk of spraying and marking
- Less desire to roam, therefore less opportunity to be injured in fights or auto accidents
- Eliminates risk of testicular cancer and decreases incidence of prostate disease
- Reduces number of unwanted cats/kittens/dogs/puppies
- Decreases aggressive behavior, including dog bites
- Helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives



Be a
Responsible
Pet Owner!
**Spay or
Neuter**

There are simply too many unwanted animals in shelters, and not enough homes.

WHY SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET?

Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life.

Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

Neutering provides major health benefits for your male.

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

Your spayed female won't go into heat.

While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house!

Your male dog won't want to roam away from home.

An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! That includes digging his way under the fence and escaping from the house. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.

Your neutered male will be much better behaved.

Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

Males will be less aggressive.

79% of fatal dog attacks involve unneutered male dogs. The most frequent victims of dog attacks are people who already know the dog. A neutered pet will help keep your family safe.

Spaying or neutering will not make your pet fat.

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

It is highly cost-effective.

The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered animal escapes and gets into fights with the neighborhood strays.

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

Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping teaches your children irresponsibility. Anyone who has seen an animal euthanized in a shelter for lack of a home knows the truth behind this dangerous myth. There are countless books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a responsible manner.

It's good for the community.

Stray animals pose a real problem in the Capital Region. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna, spread illness and scare children. Spaying or neutering reduces the number of animals on the streets.

It's the solution to the pet overpopulation problem!

Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.



YES! I want to support the animals and the vital services of Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society.

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I would like to make a gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

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Please send me information on including the Society in my will or estate plans.

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For the animals' sake, please get involved. They need your support!

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Our facility is located at the end of Oakland.

