



Spay / Neuter

(“Fixin’ ”)

Is good for ...

 **You**

 **Your Pet**

 **Your
Community**

What is Spay / Neuter???

It is the sterilization of animals so that they cannot make more kittens or puppies. It is a surgical procedure, performed by licensed veterinarians while the pet is asleep and free of pain. Depending on your pet's age, size and health, he or she will stay at your veterinarian's office for a few hours or maybe over night.

Depending upon the procedure, your pet may need stitches removed. Your veterinarian can fully explain his / her spay and neuter procedures to you. If you have a new puppy or kitten, don't wait! Pets can become parents sooner than you think. **Early age spay/neuter** is safe and effective, so talk with your veterinarian at your pet's first visit.

It's Good for You ...

- You can enjoy your spayed or neutered pet more; they are often more affectionate companions
- Female pets that have been spayed do not go into heat
- You won't have the mess that comes with the female reproductive cycle or the boisterous, noisy male suitors
- Neutered male cats are less likely to spray and mark territory; dogs are less likely to roam and fight
- Spaying and neutering also reduces the risk of some health problems, offering you more years with your beloved pet
- By making sure that your pet can't have babies, you'll have peace of mind that his or her offspring won't be put down in an animal shelter

It's Good for your Pet ...

- Sterilized pets live longer, healthier lives
- It reduces the chance for several diseases
- It will make your cat or dog even more affectionate

It's Good for your Community ...

- Reducing unwanted animals reduces community costs
- Sterilization reduces the number of unwanted animals
- It reduces health and safety problems

When should it be done?

Cats and dogs as young as 6 months old can become pregnant. Cats can become pregnant again very soon after giving birth. We recommend getting young pets spayed / neutered at or before 5 months old. Older pets can have the operation at any time that they are not in heat, but a nursing mother should probably not have the operation until her babies are eating solid food.

“But it costs too much . . .”

Actually, it's a bargain compared to the cost of having a litter and ensuring the health of the mother and litter. Two months of pregnancy and another two months until the litter is weaned can add up to significant veterinary bills and food costs. Most importantly, it's a very small price to pay for the health of your pet and the prevention of the births of more unwanted pets.

Can someone help me with the costs?

Wags and Whiskers Spay/Neuter Advocates can help pay the cost if you need assistance. ***See the back of this brochure for the details***

Wags and Whiskers' Community Spay / Neuter Assistance Program

We can often help with the costs of spay / neuter. You will be asked to pay as much as you can afford. Your pet will get a rabies vaccination and a feline Leukemia / FIV or canine Heartworm test if requested.

This is all there is to it:

- Call 788-2201 and talk to Jackie or Alan
- Agree to a co-pay amount
- You make the appointment with our veterinarian and let us know the date
- You take your pet to the veterinarian on the morning of surgery between 8:00 & 9:00
- You give the veterinarian the co-pay amount.
- You pick your pet up per the instructions of the veterinarian
- The veterinarian will bill Wags and Whiskers
- If needed, you have the stitches removed after 14 days



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