

Top 5 Reasons to Spay/Neuter

Technical Terms

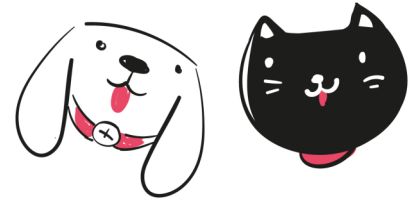
Spay: The surgical removal of a **female** animal's reproductive organs

Neuter: The surgical removal of a **male** animal's testicles

Intact: An animal that is not spayed or neutered and can reproduce

Also known as:

Fixed, altered



1

Your pet will be healthier.

Spaying your female pet helps prevent breast cancer and uterine infections which can be deadly. Neutering your male pet prevents testicular cancer and some prostate problems.

2

There's less of a mess.

Female dogs bleed during their heat cycle and female cats pee more often, sometimes all over the house. Male dogs and cats both mark their territories by peeing everywhere.

3

It encourages better behavior.

Male dogs and cats that are not neutered have hormones running through their body that tell them to search for a mate. This means they're less able to focus on you and being well-behaved. It also helps with aggressive behavior that comes from being territorial.

4

Your pet won't want to roam.

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

5

It's a lifesaver.

Austin Animal Center is full of unwanted pets, many from accidental litters. Spaying or neutering pets prevents accidental litters and helps reduce the number of unwanted animals.



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