

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why should I spay or neuter my pet?

A. Pets that are not fixed are prone to undesirable and dangerous behavior. Unfixed cats and dogs are more likely to urinate on carpet and furniture. Unfixed dogs are more likely to bite or attack other animals. Also, fixing animals before their first heat cycle greatly reduces the chance of numerous cancers and improves the health and well-being of the animal. It prevents unwanted litters and financial cost to you, and saves countless lives.

In short, spaying and neutering can help your pet live a longer, happier life, and make your life easier as well.

Q. How old should a pet be to get fixed?

A. Many vets spay or neuter pets at least two months old and weighing at least two pounds. Certainly by five months of age, all pets should be fixed to prevent unwanted litters and provide lasting health benefits. Vets may require blood work or other preoperative tests for animals eight years and older. This is to ensure senior pets are healthy enough to undergo surgery.

Q. My pet is pregnant; can she still be spayed?

A. This is up to each individual vet; however, most will if early in pregnancy.

Q. Where is the closest veterinarian to me?

A. When we mail your SNAP certificate, we will include a list of participating veterinarians, or you can visit our website for more information.

Q. There are feral/free-roaming cats in my neighborhood. Can I get them fixed, too?

A. Yes. Many of our participating veterinarians accept "Community Cats." Check the vet list on our website to determine which vets accept community cats. Note that these surgeries include a MANDATORY EAR TIP.

How to Apply

- **Complete and sign** this application.
- Obtain **one money order** payable to SNSI for the total amount due (\$25 per pet x number of pets).
- **Provide proof of participation.**
- **Mail application, proof of qualification and money order** to SNSI. Within six weeks, you will receive a SNAP certificate (valid for three months) and a list of participating veterinarians. **Do not schedule a veterinary appointment until you receive your certificate.** *If your application is not approved, you will receive a prompt refund.*

Incomplete applications or applications submitted without money order or proof of participation (step 3) will be returned. There is a \$10 fee to reissue lost certificates.

Program Information

SNAP covers the cost of the spay-neuter surgery. Your pet may need additional services such as disease testing or blood work as recommended by individual veterinarians. Many vets require these additional services for pets eight years and older. These services are **not** covered by the SNAP program.

Pets should receive annual wellness checks, vaccinations and permanent identification for long-term health and safety. Your pet's vaccinations should be current and can be done at the time of surgery or in advance through numerous low-cost resources. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Contact Us

SNSI is a statewide financial assistance organization whose mission is to eliminate the euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and dogs.

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To apply, use this application or apply online at SpayNeuterServices.org

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