



Spaying or neutering your kitten has many benefits to their health and behaviour.

### **Female benefits:**

- **Spraying** - Yes, it's not just males that spray, when females reach puberty they can sometimes spray during their heat cycle or when they feel territorial.
- **Escape** - Whilst they are meant to be indoor cats only, it will not stop their desire to escape if they are not spayed. If they were successful, it could put them at risk of theft, illness, pregnancy from another cat who may be carrying a infection.
- **Pyometra** - This is a serious and potential life threatening infection to the uterus which fills up with bacteria. Symptoms can be difficult to spot in time, if it isnt treated quickly, unfortunately this can cause death.

### **Male benefits:**

- **Spraying** - Males spray when they feel territorial.
- **Escape** - Whilst they are meant to be indoor cats only, it will not stop their desire to escape especially if they can sense a female in call or if another male is visiting the garden!
- **Entire** - With a male being intact, that can frustrate him if he is not able to mate, which then can bring on behavioural issues.
- **Cancer** - Having your male neutered can help prevent testicular cancer.
- **Prostate** - Neutering can help prevent prostate issues.
- **Behaviour** - If a male isnt neutered, this can cause behaviour problems which can also lead to fighting with other cats in the home.