



Spaying or neutering can protect your pet from serious health and behavioral problems later in life. It also helps control the stray animal population.

## SPAYING OR NEUTERING REDUCES THE RISK OF...

### UTERINE DISEASE

Known as a pyometra, this is a potentially life-threatening condition which can be very expensive to treat. It is 100% preventable if your pet is spayed.

### MAMMARY TUMORS (BREAST CANCER)

Over one-half of all mammary tumors are malignant and can spread to other areas of the body. Early spaying, prior to your pet beginning its heat cycles, significantly reduces the incidence of tumor formation.

### TESTICULAR CANCER

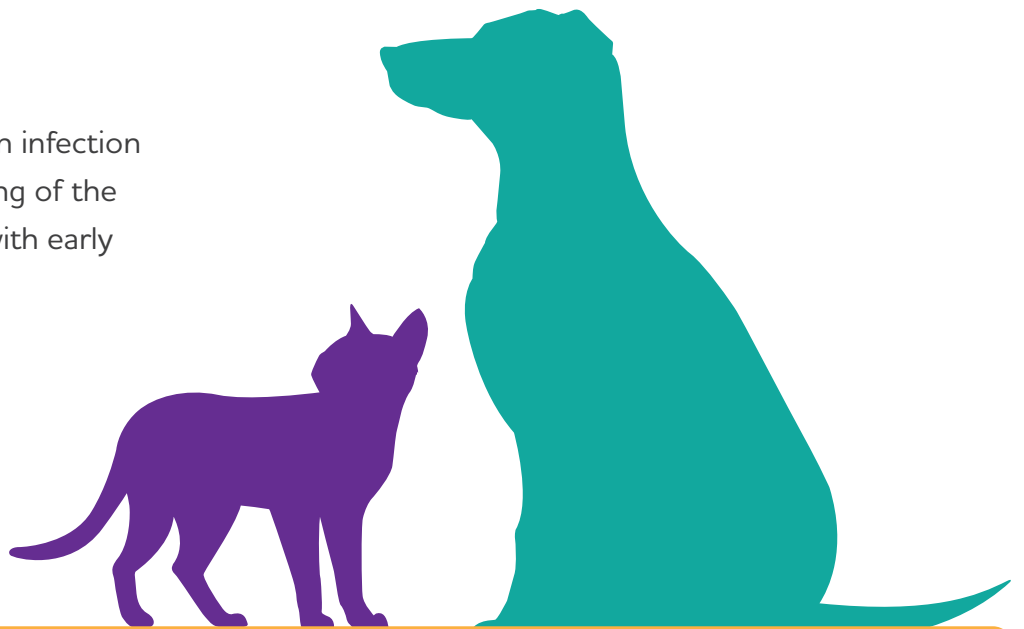
This cancer, as well as prostatitis (an infection causing malignant or benign swelling of the prostate), can be greatly reduced with early neutering.

### BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

Unwanted behaviors such as dominance aggression, marking territory and wandering can be avoided with spaying or neutering.

### OVERPOPULATION

There are more puppies and kittens in shelters than there are people willing to provide them with love and care. Sadly, many are euthanized. Spaying or neutering can help reduce the number of animals in need of homes.



Spayed and neutered pets live healthier and longer lives!  
Consider the benefits to your pet and the community, and ask us when is the best time to spay or neuter your pet.