

Pet Awareness: 'Feline Fix by Five Months'

EVERY YEAR, UP TO 70
MILLION HOMELESS
CATS ROAM THE U.S.



FELINE FIX
by FIVE MONTHS



EVERY YEAR,
SHELTERS ARE
OVERWHELMED BY
KITTEN SEASON.
FELINE FIX BY FIVE
HELPS US REDUCE THE
STRAIN ON SHELTERS.

WHY **FELINE FIX** by FIVE MONTHS?

Health

Reduces the risk of certain cancers, infections, and diseases.

Kittens spayed before their first heat have a 91% lower risk of developing mammary cancer which takes the lives of an estimated 75,000 cats every year.

Spaying also eliminates the risk of pyometra, a fatal medical condition.

It's safe!
It's effective!
It's essential!

Community

Reduces feline shelter intake, preventing overcrowding and euthanasia from limited resources.

Well over half the litters that end up in shelters are unintended "oops" litters. Many other litters are abandoned to the streets adding to the free-community cat populations. When shelters are inundated with kittens, the older cats who may have found homes are often passed over.

Cat complaint calls are at, or near, the top of the list in public health and animal control departments, causing increased funding demands. Reducing the unwanted litters born is an important step toward cutting shelter cat-related costs.

Behavior

Reduces marking, spraying, aggression and roaming tendencies.

The hormones that develop if kittens are left unaltered lead to nightly territorial fights, cat mating rituals and roaming. These undesirable behaviors often result in relinquishment to shelters. Over 80% of cats who are surrendered to shelters or abandoned are not spayed/neutered.

Spaying/neutering prior to puberty eliminates problem behaviors that often lead to abandonment or surrender.



Before



After

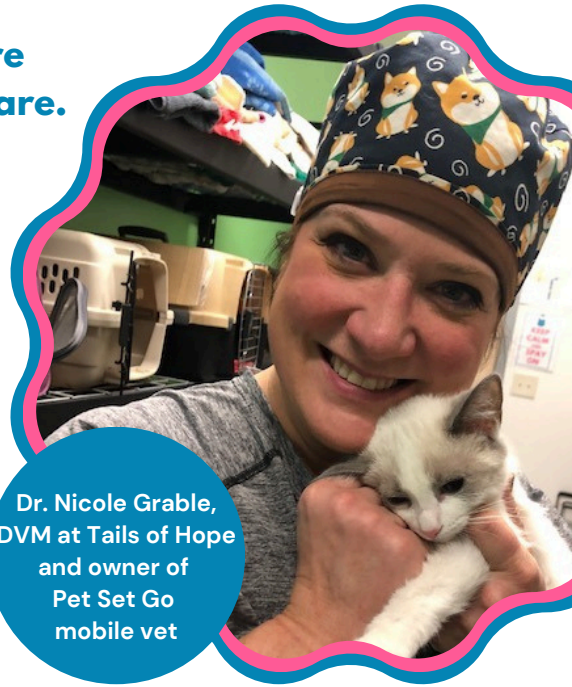
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Veterinarians adopting early Spay/Neuter practices are leaders in progressive, evidence-based, preventative care.

Feline Fix by Five also saves veterinarians time! We all know our veterinarians are overbooked and overworked. And due to the ongoing nationwide veterinary shortage, it is harder for pet parents to find a regular veterinarian. When you fix by five months at a Spay/Neuter clinic, full-service veterinarians can increase treatment capacity and provide other much needed services to pet parents.

And for your cat, surgery on younger kittens are quicker, less risky, and recovery time is greatly reduced for the cat.

Dr. Nicole Grable,
DVM at Tails of Hope
and owner of
Pet Set Go
mobile vet



MYTHS ABOUT EARLY SPAY/NEUTER

MYTH

Kittens are too young to be spayed/neutered at 5 months.



Spaying/neutering will make my cat fat.

My cat need to have one litter before being spayed/neutered.

FACT

Kittens can be safely spayed/neutered as early as 8 weeks, or once they weigh 2 pounds!

(Tails of Hope spays/neuters at 3 months and 3 pounds, the minimum weight required to ensure Rabies vaccines are also provided to all cats.)

Your cat's weight depends on diet and activity.

There is no health benefit to having a litter. Spay/neuter prevents unwanted litters and eliminates health risks.



FELINE FIX
by **FIVE MONTHS**™



it saves lives

Source:
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