



**Abandonment or Surrender**

**Behavioral Issues**  
including roaming, running away, and other unwanted behaviors that lead to abuse, abandonment or surrender

**Financial Burden**  
on shelters/rescues, neighborhoods, farms, and communities for temporary housing and preventable veterinary care and deadly diseases or medical conditions

**Abuse**

**Overpopulation**  
from irresponsible pet guardianship, breeders and/or adoptions which start the cycle all over again and can lead to all of these problems

**Spay/Neuter**

**Ease During Life Transitions**

Providing direction to pet guardians facing major life changes can help keep pets in their homes. This might include temporary foster care programs, assistance with pet-friendly housing, or support groups for families with pets experiencing hardships. Pets who are Spayed/Neutered and Vaccinated are more easily and cost-effectively assisted in these difficult times.

**Affordable Veterinary Care**

Expanding and supporting access to affordable veterinary care - especially Spay/Neuter, can not only alleviate the financial burden on pet parents for a lifetime of care or in an emergency but can also alleviate the financial burden to shelters and the community by reducing unwanted behaviors and unwanted litters which are leading causes of abandonment or surrender.

In addition, communities that offer affordable emergency pet care are highly sought after as communities that are pet-friendly and communities that care.

**Education & Support**

Increasing access for pet guardians to education about caring for a pet can help potential and current pet parents make informed decisions. This includes understanding the commitment involved, stressing the importance of basic and regular veterinary care, recognizing the signs of behavioral issues early, and knowing where to seek help.

**Promoting Responsible Adoption Practices**

Encouraging prospective pet parents to seek out reputable rescues and shelters who adopt out already Spayed/Neutered and vaccinated pets who were cared for in a manner to give the pets and new family the best chance for healthy and long lives together, can help diminish the demand for irresponsibly bred pets. The importance of choosing quality pet resources who prioritize the health and well-being of their pets and the long-term effects for the community cannot be overstated.

# SYMPTOMS AND CONSEQUENCES

**REACTIONARY & MOST COSTLY**

Above the surface you see the *symptoms* of the problem and the *effects* faced by rescues/shelters which can cause a great amount of animal suffering and death and are much more expensive than Spay/Neuter, which addresses the problems even before they even start.

## PROBLEM & SOLUTION

PROBLEM: Lack of Spay/Neuter & Lack of Support for Spay/Neuter programs

**SPAY/NEUTER IS  
PRO-ACTIVE & LEAST COSTLY SOLUTION**

## ROOTS

**WHY NON-PROFIT SPAY/NEUTER IS  
THE WISEST INVESTMENT**

Dig deeper and you find *the Root Causes* - *the absence* of support, care and practices.

All of these can be provided by programs of a  
non-profit Spay/Neuter clinic.

Without feeding the roots and providing funding and access to the solution of Spay/Neuter, our community will continue to grow unnecessary pain & suffering, and be overburdened with expenses.

Most available resources are distributed to animal groups who predominantly focus on physical animal possession. They are seen as directly helping animals. Unfortunately, by contrast, those of us who address and grapple with the Root Cause of animal overpopulation, abandonment, surrender, and more - in both direct and indirect ways, by preventing the problem before it starts, are not given the resources needed to tackle the source of the problems that hurt not only animals, but also shelters, rescues, families, and our communities at large.