

Spaying for females and neutering for males is a surgical procedure in which the reproductive organs are removed. In females the ovaries and uterus are removed. In males, the testicles are removed. For females to be spayed, the pet is first put under anesthesia. Then a small three to five inch incision is made through which the ovaries and uterus are removed. The incision is then sutured closed and the anesthesia is reversed. For male dogs, the pet is put under anesthesia and a two to three inch incision is made in the lower abdomen. The testicles are moved from the scrotum to the lower abdomen where they are removed through the incision. The incision is then sutured close and the anesthesia is reversed. For male cats the cat is put under anesthesia and two quarter inch incisions are made in the scrotum that the testicles are removed through. The anesthesia is then reversed.



Spaying or neutering your pet is a one time procedure that will benefit your pet for the rest of his/her life. For males, neutering severely reduces testosterone responsible for territorial marking, roaming, aggression, and “humping”. Neutering also prevents prostate cancer as your pet ages. For females, spaying prevents heat cycles responsible for roaming, aggression, and unwanted litters. Spaying also prevents pyometra, a life-threatening uterine infection, and cancer of the mammary glands. We recommend that your pet be spayed or neutered at the age of six months. This is just before your pet reaches his/her sexual maturity preventing many unwanted behaviors. However, a pet can be spayed or neutered at any age.

Both cats and dogs benefit from spaying and neutering. Not only will your pet benefit, but this procedure will help keep the increasing number of homeless pets from continuing to grow by adding unwanted litters. For any questions regarding spaying or neutering, or to schedule your pet for this procedure, please call us today.