

Important Reasons to Spay or Neuter Your Pet

Spaying your female pet (ovariohysterectomy)

Removal of ovaries and uterus.

If spayed before first heat cycle, your pet has less than 1 percent chance of developing breast cancer.

If spayed after two heat cycles, the risk increases to 26 percent.

Eliminates the risk of ovarian and uterine cancer.

Eliminates unwanted pregnancies

Neutering your male pet (castration or orchiectomy)

Removal of the testicles and spermatic cord.

Eliminates risk of testicular cancer, the second most common cancer in male dogs.

Greatly reduces risk of prostate cancer and prostatitis.

Reduces roaming, fighting, and urine marking.

Eliminates unwanted litters

Important Reasons to Visit Your Veterinarian

- Get a thorough physical examination of your new pet and get questions answered by a veterinarian.
- Get recommendations and cost estimates if your pet needs additional medical care.
- Receive advice regarding need for future and/or additional vaccinations based on your pet's specific needs. Get your dog's required rabies vaccine and license.
- Receive advice regarding need for flea and other parasite control and treatment.
- Consult on bathing, grooming, and general cleanliness.
- Consult on basic obedience and training.
- Consult on diet, safe treats, and appropriate chew toys.

Get to know your veterinarian and the clinic staff BEFORE an emergency arises!

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