



Common Myths & Facts about Spaying & Neutering

MYTH: Makes pets fat and lazy.

FACT: Over feeding and lack of exercise causes animals to gain weight and lack energy. A proper diet and exercise will work wonders.

MYTH: Spaying and neutering costs too much.

FACT: It cost less than the cost of having a litter...i.e., veterinarian check-ups, special diet, feeding and medical cost for the kittens or puppies. And don't forget advertising costs, and sitting by the phone waiting for takers. The WORST is what to do with the leftover puppies and kittens before the next litter arrives.

MYTH: They should have one litter before they are fixed.

FACT: Having females spayed before their first heat greatly reduces the chance of breast cancer and eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer.

MYTH: Just one litter won't hurt.

FACT: The truth is every litter born hurts. Even if you find homes for all the animals, there are others in shelters and humane organizations that die in the place of the ones you found homes for. What about the ones you found homes for, especially the females... what if their owners say "just one litter won't hurt"? Visit your local Animal Shelter and see how many pets there are that need a home.

MYTH: I want my children to experience the miracle of birth.

FACT: Should your children also experience death? Your child should learn the value of animals and the prevention of litters. There are other ways to learn about the miracle of birth than contributing to the pet population, which is out of hand.

MYTH: I want a tough, protective dog.

FACT: Altering your dog will not effect his protective instincts. All dogs want to protect their loving and caring owners. Male dogs won't be as likely to wander off after a female in heat.

MYTH: Only females need to be fixed.

FACT: It takes two to tango. Once a female is pregnant that all she can do, but the males that caused the pregnancy are still out there causing hundreds more to get pregnant. A neutered male has less chance of developing prostate cancer.

MYTH: But my pet is a purebred.

FACT: Not all purebreds are breeding quality. Leave the breeding to the professional breeders who are concerned with genetics and proper placement.