

Common Questions

Will spaying or neutering my pet hurt him?

Although Spaying and Neutering may take the animal a few days to recuperate, it is a common and safe surgical operation.

Will neutering my pet make him fat and lazy?

Although there is sometimes decreased activity level, a good diet and sufficient exercise can help your pet stay in shape and maintain a healthy weight.

Is it against nature to spay or neuter?

Domestic animals are dependent on humans throughout their life. As guardians of these animals, it is our responsibility to make sure they are healthy and the number of animals born doesn't exceed the number of available homes.

Should I spay my rabbit?

For health and behavioural concerns, other small animals, such as rabbits should be spayed and neutered. Female Ferrets should be spayed. If they go into heat and don't mate, they can become anemic and die.

Should my female pet be allowed to have one litter?

There is no reason for a female animal to have a litter. It won't make them a better companion. Spaying a dog before it goes into heat even once greatly reduces the risk of her developing mammary cancer.

What about animals adopted from the Simcoe and District Humane Society?

Simcoe and District Humane Society spays and neuters every adult animal before adoption and offers a certificate towards the spay and neuter of an immature pet.

These steps will make a huge difference in the pet overpopulation crisis!

This information is brought to you by:

Simcoe and District Humane Society

General Membership Meetings: held most 1st Thursdays of every month 7:00pm. Executive meeting to follow.

Monetary donations may be sent to:
Simcoe & District Humane Society.
P.O. Box 193, Simcoe, Ont N3Y 4L1

Drop off donations or come visit us at our new location:

24 Grigg Dr., Simcoe
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00am – 12:00pm
Or Saturdays 9:00am – 11:30am
Other arrangements may be made.

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Together we can help those who cannot help themselves!

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for life!

Only 1 of these animals will find their "forever" homes, the rest



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How Many Animals in One Year?



Thousands of unwanted animals are born every year. These animals usually end up in shelters, on the streets, sick, injured, or euthanized.

One female cat may have a litter of 3-6 kittens



two - three times a year



If 5 of these kittens are females, they can start producing at 6 months and each have 3-6 kittens 2-3 times a year



1 female cat and her offspring breeding only 7 years can lead to **420,000 cats!**

1 female dog and her offspring can produce **67,000 dogs**



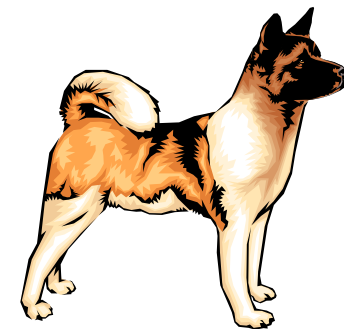
Many thousands of animals would be saved if people had their pets spayed and neutered.

Spaying and neutering are safe surgical operations done at your veterinary clinic that prevent animals from reproducing. Spaying is the removal of a female animal's ovaries and uterus; neutering is the removal of a male's testicles. Depending on your veterinarian's policies, many male animals do not even require an overnight stay, while most females stay in overnight.

Spaying and neutering can **eliminate or significantly reduce the risk of an animal developing numerous health problems**, some of which may shorten their lives. These include reproductive cancers and infections, as well as behaviour problems such as territorial marking, destructiveness, and aggression.

Animals who have been spayed or neutered are much **less likely to roam** in search of mates. When female animals are not spayed, they go into estrus (in heat) which attracts males. While searching for mates, animals can be hit by cars, injured in fights, or lost and even stolen. Others end up wandering streets, pestering neighbours or in shelters. Keeping animals inside does not guarantee their safety as they may escape by accident.

The safety of both male and female animals dramatically increases if they are spayed or neutered.



Spay or neuter your pet!