



IS YOUR PET NEUTERED? NO? THEN READ THIS!

Animals who live with humans are lucky. There are too many cats and dogs living on the street that will never enjoy the comforts of a home. So it's important that we control the number of animals being born, whether they live on the street or in your home.

If your pet is not neutered, why have you hesitated? Sex for cats and dogs is not a romantic thing, it's instinctive; they can't help themselves; they do it whether they want to or not. And following this instinct means that a female in heat can get raped by dozens of males; and the males fight and rip each other apart.....it can get really ugly.

BY NEUTERING YOUR PET, you will put an end to males fighting in the street for sex, midnight howling, spraying in the house, menstrual periods, incessant barking and paying amorous attention to furniture and/or people's legs.

Think about it.

9 MYTHS ABOUT NEUTERING

1 It's better for a female to have one litter before being neutered.

CURRENT VETERINARY OPINION IS THAT THERE IS NO MEDICAL REASON TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS IDEA. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS - WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE KITTENS AND THE PUPPIES?

2 Un-neutered cats and dogs live longer, happier lives because they can follow their 'natural' urges.

False. It is the neutered ones that live longer, happier and healthier lives. Their fur shines, they don't spray, they avoid problematic pregnancies, they stay home and away from potentially dangerous situations, they're calmer, they're more content. Taking away an animal's need to seek sexual activity takes away that animal's sexual frustrations.

3 Cats and dogs have an emotional crisis when they are neutered and are denied the possibility of having offspring.

Ridiculous! Cats and dogs do not have a sexual identity like humans; they don't romanticize sex as love; they don't have a sexual ego. Sex is purely an instinctive drive that takes over from the animal's domesticated behaviour and makes them run wild!

4 One less neutered cat or dog doesn't make any difference.

WHAT! One female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 babies in seven years; one female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 in six years!!!! Every neutered animal makes a BIG difference.

5 Neutered cats and dogs have medical problems.

Not true. Neutered animals have fewer medical problems; males avoid cancer (an un-neutered male dog with only one descended testicle is at high risk for cancer) females avoid breast cancer. Neutered animals have less behavioural problems, are less likely to spray, roam and fight, less likely to run away from home. They look healthier, act healthier and are easier for humans to live with.

6 Neutering is cruel.

WHY? Neutering is a sensible measure to take to prevent unwanted births, to keep a pet healthier and to stop the abandoning, poisoning and dying of thousands of cats and dogs. What is really cruel is all the dying that goes on because too many animals are being born.

7 Neutering makes a pet fat and lazy.

Any pet can get fat and lazy but it's not the neutering that causes it. Pets should eat the amount of food necessary to maintain proper weight, and this depends to a large part on the amount of exercise they get. And since pets are calmer in behaviour when they are neutered, they may not need as much food as un-neutered ones. It's up to you to monitor their diet.

8 Neutering will make your pet less protective.

ON THE CONTRARY

Your pet will stay closer to home, bond more with family members and be MORE protective because it won't be distracted by uncontrollable sexual urges.

9 It's not natural to neuter animals.

Okay, we admit it - you're right. But is it natural that we have domesticated cats and dogs? (In doing so, we have certainly altered their 'natural' way of life.) Is it natural to breed animals with special characteristics just for our own self-interest? Is it natural to keep a dog

on a chain his own life? Or on a balcony? To abandon a pet on the street? To have thousands of hungry, sick cats and dogs on the street? To poison strays to get rid of them? A lot of what we do to cats and dogs is not natural. At least neutering is done for the health and welfare of the animal AND its human companion.

When should an animal be neutered?

An animal can be neutered at any time in its life but the earlier the better. Check with your vet.

For females, 'spaying' consists of removing the womb and ovaries; if the ovaries are not removed, the dog continues to have periods and go into 'heat' even though she cannot conceive; she is also vulnerable for breast cancer. The incision is usually made in the middle of the abdominal area, but can also be on the side; stitches are required; some dissolve, some need removing 10 days after surgery. The animal will also need oral antibiotics. Follow the vet's instructions.

Male animals have an incision made to remove both testicles. Stitches are needed for male dogs but not male cats. The vet puts antibiotics in the empty sac; antibiotics are also given orally - follow vet's instructions.

Animals should not be fed for 12 hours prior to surgery. Either operation causes only minimal discomfort; we suggest you discuss the matter thoroughly with your vet so you will know exactly what to expect.

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