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1. Your female cat will live a longer, healthier life.

2. There are major health benefits for your male animal companion, too.

3. Your spayed female won't go into heat.

4. Your kids won't feel the need to roam away from home.

5. ...and he will be much better behaved!

6. Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.



Top 10 Reasons to Spay Neuter Your Pet (everywhere)

Don't believe the hype! Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds, not spaying or neutering. Just like people, your pet will remain fit and trim with exercise and diet, so provide your cat with fun toys and monitor the food intake to keep your cat at a healthy weight.

7. Spaying or neutering is highly cost-effective.

The cost of your pet's spay or neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of caring for a litter of kittens. It also beats the cost of medical treatment when your unneutered tom escapes and gets into fights with neighborhood strays, or the cost of cleaning the carpet that your unsprayed female keeps mistaking for her litter box, or the cost of. .well, you get the idea!

8. It's good for the community.

Stray animals and free-roaming unfixed pets can be a nuisance. They can cause vehicular accidents, damage the local fauna, and keep neighbors up at night by yowling and fighting. Spaying and neutering will not only make your community safer, it will make your neighbors happier.

9. Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to witness the miracle of birth.

Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping only serves to teach your children that animals are disposable. And even if you do find homes for the puppies or kittens, they are only taking away homes from the millions of animals living in shelters or euthanized in the United States every year. There are countless books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a responsible manner.

10. It is the best way to reduce the homeless pet problem.

Millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized annually or suffer as strays out on the street. These high numbers are the result of unwanted, unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering. When you sterilize your pet, you are helping save lives! You can have your pet spayed or neutered at your veterinarian's office, or you can find a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in your area. To find a clinic near you, go to asPCA.org/pet-care/spayneuter.com and enter your zip code. Remember, whatever price you pay for the sterilization, it's an investment in your pet's health and in the welfare of animals.