



Paw Talk



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Beamsville 4Paw Rescue
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**GET YOUR PET SPAYED/NUETERD
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The decision to spay or neuter your pet is an important one for pet owners. But it can be the single best decision you make for his long-term welfare.

Getting your pet spayed or neutered can:

- Reduce the number of homeless pets killed
- Improve your pet's health by preventing cancer
- Reduce unruly behavior
- Save on the cost of pet care
- and more!

Pets are homeless everywhere

In every community, in every province there are homeless animals. there are an estimated 6-8 million homeless animals entering animal shelters every year. Barely half of these animals are adopted. Tragically, the rest are euthanized or remain in shelters. These are healthy, sweet pets who would have made great companions.

The number of homeless animals varies—in some provinces there are as many as 300,000 homeless animals euthanized in animal shelters every year. These are not the offspring of homeless "street" animals—these are the puppies and kittens of cherished family pets and even purebreds.

Many people are surprised to learn that nationwide, more than 2.7 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters annually. Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats.

Pet of the Month!



Dorothy

*Poodle/Female/Spayed/Shots
Born: June 2010*

Dorothy was rescued from a Puppy-Mill. She is shy at first but only wants to be loved. Dorothy is happy feeling the grass under her feet instead of the steel cage she has only know for 5 years.



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Your pet's health

It has been proven that cites that pets who live in the states with the highest rates of spaying/neutering also live the longest. According to the report, neutered male dogs live 18% longer than un-neutered male dogs and spayed female dogs live 23% longer than unspayed female dogs.

Part of the reduced lifespan of unaltered pets can be attributed to their increased urge to roam, exposing them to fights with other animals, getting struck by cars, and other mishaps.

Another contributor to the increased longevity of altered pets involves the reduced risk of certain types of cancers. Unspayed female cats and dogs have a far greater chance of developing pyometra (a fatal uterine infection), uterine cancer, and other cancers of the reproductive system.

Medical evidence indicates that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. (Many veterinarians recommend you spay your pet at the age of 6 months old)

Male pets who are neutered eliminate their chances of getting testicular cancer, and it is thought they they have lowered rates of prostate cancer, as well.

Curbing bad behavior

Unneutered dogs are much more assertive and prone to urine-marking (lifting his leg) than neutered dogs. Although it is most often associated with male dogs, females may do it, too. Spaying or neutering your dog should reduce urine-marking and may stop it altogether.

For cats, the urge to spray is extremely strong in an intact cat, and the simplest solution is to get yours neutered or spayed by the age of 6 months of age before there's even a problem. Neutering solves 90 percent of all marking issues, even in cats that have been doing it for a while. It can also minimize howling, the urge to roam, and fighting with other males.

In both cats and dogs, the longer you wait, the greater the risk you run of the surgery not doing the trick because the behavior is so ingrained.

Other behavioral problems that can be ameliorated by spay/neuter include:

- Roaming, especially when females are "in heat."
- Aggression: Studies also show that most dogs bites involve dogs who are unaltered.
- Excessive barking, mounting, and other dominance-related behaviors.

While getting your pets spayed/neutered can help curb undesirable behaviors, it will not change their fundamental personality, like their protective instinct.

Contact your local Veterinarian Clinic or your local Spay/Neuter Clinic today!

If you need assistance or advise please contact us at 289-477-1108