

# Benefits of Sterilization

“Sterilization” of a male dog or cat is a simple surgery so that they no longer have an interest in sex, or fight with other males when a female is in heat; therefore they will not impregnate females. After a female is sterilized, she does not go into heat and will no longer have babies.

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The streets are full of homeless and sick cats and dogs. Each unsterilized male or female dog or cat is responsible for the births of many more animals, many that are homeless, hungry, and in need of medical care.

For example:

- **In 6 years a female dog and her descendents can be responsible for the births of 67,000 puppies.**
- **In 7 years, a female cat and her descendents can be responsible for the births of 420,000 kittens.**

Early sterilization is important. Our veterinarian can safely sterilize dogs and cats that are 8 weeks old. The surgery is much more simple when they are young and it's much easier on the animal also. Puppies and kittens are ready to play when they wake from the anesthesia.

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The intelligence, vitality, and loyalty are not affected by the surgery. It does not change the personality of the animal.

But sterilized animals have a much better quality of life—and so do their owners!

## Benefits of sterilizing your pet:

- Your pet will have a longer and healthier life.
- Sterilization reduces the chance of cancer.
- A sterilized male will stay closer to home.
- When a male is sterilized young, before 6 months, he will likely not lift his leg and pee on everything to mark his territory!
- He will be less likely to fight with other males.
- With a female, it eliminates the problems of going into heat: no blood, and no marking with urine.
- Eliminates the possibility of a false pregnancy.
- Eliminates the possibility of ovarian cysts and reduces the incidents of cancer.
- A sterilized pet gives all his or her attention to you and your family.
- A sterilized dog protects you and your home equally as an unsterilized dog.
- Helps stop the births of unwanted animals.
- A sterilized female does not go into heat and your home is not surrounded by undesirable males.

- Helps reduce the number of homeless dogs in your community.
- Sterilization prevents the propagation of venereal tumors that are prevalent in Panama. The venereal tumor is eventually fatal in both males and females. Sex just one time with an infected animal and the disease is transmitted.
- Many times uncastrated males have apparent bladder infections. These are often due to an infected prostate gland, which requires antibiotics and sterilization.

## **Sterilization of males.**

Removal of the sexual desire of males is permanent. Therefore, he will not mount a female in heat. The removal of his testicles is a fairly simple surgery that rapidly stops the production of sperm and male sexual hormones, eliminates the danger of venereal tumors, and consequently eliminates the negative conduct of males.

## **Ovariohysterectomy of females.**

A female dog has two cycles of heat per year, and a female cat can have various cycles per year. The ovariohysterectomy removes the ovaries and the uterus, which prevents pregnancy and the cycle of going into heat. Some people give injections to prevent the female from going into heat, but these can cause massive infection in the uterus, and finally, death.

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**Precaution:** Not all veterinarians know how to do these surgeries correctly. The doctor who operates at our clinics in Volcan, Chiriqui, Panama can sterilize between 45 and 50 animals in one day, and he makes tiny incisions. Therefore, recovery time is greatly reduced.

The spay/neuter clinics in Volcan, Chiriqui, Panama are held once a month, except for December. Call for verification of the date and to make an appointment. The clinics fill up rapidly. **PEOPLE WITH APPOINTMENTS HAVE PRIORITY.**

**No more puppies and kittens! No more sex which can cause fatal venereal tumors in dogs!**

**Dogs - \$25\* (\*before the animal has a venereal tumor or needs more complicated surgery)**

**Cats - \$15\***

**Remember, if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.**

**Spay/Panamá-Chiriqui <http://www.spaypanama-chiriqui.org>**

**Telephone and whatsapp for appointments - 6640-3171**