

## Spay and Neuter

### Did You Know?

1. Every day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in this country while only 10,000 people are born.
2. It's simple math - there just aren't enough homes for all of these animals.
3. Every year 10-12 million animals are euthanized in shelters for lack of available homes.
4. On average, 64% of all animals taken into shelters nationwide have to be euthanized for this reason.
5. At least 50% of the overpopulation problem is non-neutered males. A female can't get pregnant if a male is neutered. Both males and females need to be spayed and neutered.
6. Purebreds account for 30% of all the animals in shelters. "Papers" don't mean an animal should be bred.
7. AKC registry means nothing! Anyone can register their dog if they pay a small fee. Don't let AKC registry fool you into believing a dog comes from a special breeding lineage.
8. For every home you find for an animal that you have bred, a home is lost for a shelter animal.
9. Breeding to "see the miracle of birth" demands that you also "see the tragic results." Before you proceed, visit a shelter and see the dogs that have no place to go and no future because there are not enough homes to go around.
10. Animal overpopulation has reached a crisis point in this country.

11. You personally can make a difference by spaying or neutering your pet. It is the single most important thing you can do to prevent animal cruelty!

### More Reasons:

Spaying or neutering your pet provides many practical benefits as well as preventing animal overpopulation. Your pet is more content and far less likely to roam, bite, scratch, fight, mark territory or to develop uterine, mammary or testicular cancer.

The latest medical findings indicate that your pet, male or female, will be healthier and live a longer life if it is spayed or neutered.

### Spay-Neuter Assistance:

#### Nationwide

**Spay/USA** maintains a list of veterinarians that give discounts on spay/neuter. (800)-248-SPAY.

**Friends of Animals** also has a similar discount network. (800)-321-PETS.

