



## Facts about spay & neuter

### Did you know . . .

- Millions of healthy cats, dogs and rabbits are euthanized in the U.S. each year.
- On average, about 65% of all animals that end up in shelters are euthanized.
- Purebred animals account for 30% of homeless pets at shelters.

### "Fixed" pets . . .

- Live longer, healthier lives.
- Have fewer health problems, including some that are serious.
- Do not get uterine or ovarian cancer in females.
- Get fewer occurrences of breast cancer in females.
- Do not get testicular cancer in males.
- Get fewer occurrences of prostate disease in males.



### In addition, sterilized pets . . .

- Are more affectionate companions.
- Are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- Do not go into a heat cycle, during which females can cry and attract males.
- Have fewer behavior and temperament problems.
- Are less likely to roam, run away or get into fights.

### You know what they say about rabbits . . .

- Pet rabbits need "fixing" too!
- Altering rabbits can reduce behaviors such as lunging, mounting, spraying, and boxing.
- Spaying can prevent ovarian, mammary and uterine cancers in females.

Sources: The Humane Society of the United States / [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org)  
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