

# Spay & Neuter

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## **Spaying your female pet (ovariohysterectomy):**

- Removal of the ovaries and uterus. Ideal age is 4 to 6 months.
- The earlier your pet is spayed, the lower the risk of developing breast cancer.
- Pets with diabetes or epilepsy should be spayed to prevent hormonal changes that may interfere with medication.
- Eliminates the risk of ovarian and uterine cancer.
- Eliminates unwanted pregnancies and/or animal overpopulation.

## **Neutering your male pet (castration):**

- Removal of the testicles and spermatic cord. Ideal age is 4 to 6 months.
- Eliminates the risk of testicular cancer, the second most common tumor in male dogs.
- Greatly reduces the risk of prostate cancer, prostatitis and perineal tumors.
- Reduces roaming, fighting, and aggression.
- Eliminates or reduces spraying or marking in males neutered at 6 months of age or before the onset of behaviors.
- Eliminates unwanted litters and/or animal overpopulation.

## **Common Myths:**

- Causes laziness or hyperactivity.
- Reduces animals instinct to protect the family and home.
- Causes immature behaviors.
- Postpones or delays normal behavioral maturity.
- Alters its personality in any manner.