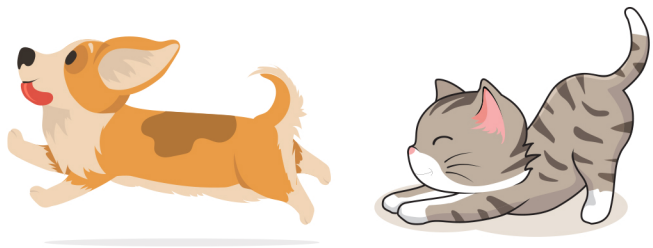




# WHY SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET?

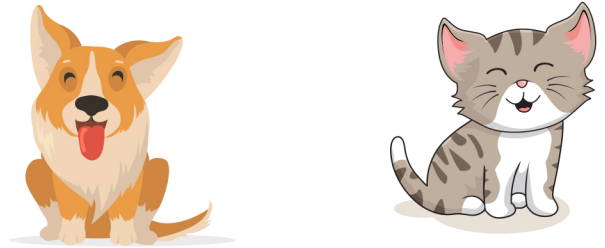


## Spay (Females) / Castration (Males)

Female dogs and cats are spayed by removing their reproductive organs and male dogs and cats are castrated by removing their testicles. In both cases the operation is performed while the animal is under anesthesia.

Depending on your pet's age, size, and health, he or she will stay at your veterinarian's office for a few hours or a few days. Depending upon the procedure, your pet may need stitches removed after a few days.

Your veterinarian can fully explain spay and neuter procedures to you and discuss with you the best age at which to sterilize your pet.



## Spaying or neutering is good for your Pet

- Helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- Eliminates or reduce incidence of health problems that can be very difficult or expensive to treat.
- Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer, particularly when your pet is spayed before her first estrous cycle.
- Neutering eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease.

## Spaying or Neutering is Good for You

- Spaying and neutering makes pets better, more affectionate companions.
- Unsterilized animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than do those who have been spayed or neutered.
- Spaying and neutering can make pets less likely to bite.
- Neutering makes pets less likely to roam the neighborhood, run away or get into fights.

Spay or neuter surgery carries a one-time cost that is relatively small when one considers its benefits. It's a small price to pay for the health of your pet and the prevention of more unwanted animals.

To schedule your pet for spay / neuter services, please contact one of the nearest branches to your area.