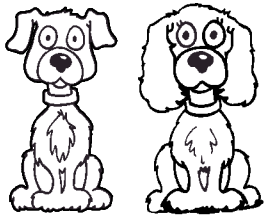


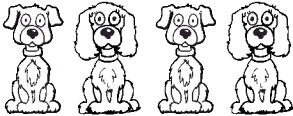
# WHY SPAY OR NEUTER?

## The Prolific Dog



Population potential of a single female dog and her descendants

1st Year



4 Offspring (2 female)

2nd Year



12 Offspring

3rd Year



36 Offspring

5th Year



324 Offspring

7th Year



4,372 Offspring

## PEACE OF MIND

*Did you know that a spayed or neutered (sterilized) animal is better behaved!?*

**Males** – Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand unsterilized, unsupervised males roam in search of a mate, risking injury in traffic and in fights with other males. They mark territory by spraying strong-smelling urine on surfaces. Indoors, male dogs may embarrass you by mounting furniture and human legs when stimulated. Don't confuse aggressiveness with protectiveness; a neutered dog protects his home and family just as well as an unneutered dog, and many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

**Females** – While their cycles vary greatly, most female cats exhibit the following signs when in heat. For four or five days, every three weeks, they yowl and urinate more frequently – sometimes all over the house – advertising for mates. Often, they attract unneutered males who spray urine around the females' home. Female dogs also attract males from great distances. Female dogs generally have a bloody discharge for about a week, and can conceive for another week or so.

## GOOD MEDICINE

*Did you know that a spayed or neutered animal will live a longer, healthier life?*

Spaying a female (removing the ovaries and uterus) or neutering a male (removing the testicles) are veterinary procedures performed with the same general anesthesia used in human medicine. Both surgeries usually require minimal hospitalization.

Neutering a male cat or dog by six months of age prevents testicular cancer, prostate disease and hernias. Spaying a female cat or dog helps prevent pyometra (a pus-filled uterus) and breast cancer; having this done before the first heat offers the best protection from these diseases. Treatment of pyometra requires hospitalization, intravenous (IV) fluids, antibiotics and spaying. Breast cancer can be fatal in about 50 percent of female dogs and 90 percent of female cats. With an older, seriously ill animal, anesthesia and surgery are complicated and costly.

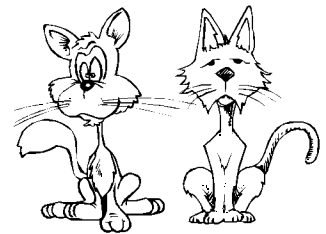
## RESPONSIBLE CARE

*Did you know that you can help prevent the suffering and death of millions of animals?*

One cat or dog who has babies and whose babies have babies can be responsible for the birth of 50 to 200 kittens or puppies in one year! Almost everyone loves puppies and kittens, but some people lose interest when these animals grow up. As a result, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized annually or suffer as strays. Rarely surviving for more than a few years on their own, strays die painfully by starvation, disease, freezing or being hit by cars.

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## The Prolific Cat



Population potential of a single female cat and her descendants

1st Year



3 Litters - 12 Offspring

2nd Year



Could be 144 Offspring

3rd Year



1,724 Offspring

4th Year



Could Be 20,736 offspring.  
Gestation period for cats 52-65 days.