

# Why Spay/Neuter Your Pet

## EASIER FOR YOU

Spaying or neutering our companion animals eliminates messy “heat” cycles, the scent that attracts persistent males and the frantic pacing and crying while in heat, and usually stops males from “spraying” foul smelling urine. It also reduces the annoying and embarrassing urge of male dogs to “mount” people’s legs and reduces aggression against other animals.

## HEALTHIER FOR YOUR PET

Spaying female dogs and cats eliminates the problems and risks of pregnancy and birth as well as the common problems of cancer and infection of the uterus later in life. It also decreases the possibility of mammary tumors, and eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer.

Neutering male dogs and cats eliminates the urge to seek out females in heat, reducing the risks associated with free-roaming animals as well as the chance of prostate problems and testicular tumors later in life.

## REDUCES THE OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM

Every day in the United States, unwanted litters of puppies and kittens are brought to already overcrowded shelters. An estimated 6 to 8 million homeless animals enter shelters every year.

## MYTHS ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING

Spaying and neutering will not make your pet fat or lazy. Too much food and not enough exercise are the main causes of obesity. Neutering will not make your cat or

dog feel like less of a male. Pets don’t have any concept of sexual identity or ego. Neutering a male dog or cat will not change his basic personality. He doesn’t suffer any kind of emotional reactions or identity crisis when neutered.



## NOT JUST FOR CATS AND DOGS

Don’t forget to spay or neuter your pet rabbits! Spaying/neutering rabbits can reduce hormone-driven behavior such as lunging, mounting and spraying. Spaying females can prevent ovarian, mammary and uterine cancers, which can be prevalent in mature females.

## RESOURCES

The Marin Humane Society Veterinary Clinic performs low cost spay/neuter surgeries for cats, dogs and rabbits of Marin County residents. In addition, every January, May, August and November, in conjunction with several local veterinarians, we provide low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for felines. For more information please call the Marin Humane Society Veterinary Clinic at 415.883.3383.

## SPAY/NEUTER FEES

### Cats

Neuter \$55

Spay \$60

Feral Cat Package\* \$75

\*Includes: Spay/Neuter, FIV & FELV tests, Rabies & FVRCP Vaccinations, Parasite Treatment, Microchip, and Ear Tipping.

If you need assistance with trapping feral cats, please contact Marin Friends of Ferals ([marinferals.org](http://marinferals.org)).

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## **Dogs**

Neuter

Under 50 lbs. \$150

50-74 lbs. \$175

75-100 lbs. \$200

100 lbs. + \$250

Spay

Under 30 lbs. \$150

Over 30 pounds, please call for referral.

*Due to their compact breathing passageways which causes a higher risk during anesthesia, we do not offer spay/neuter for the following breeds (mixes of these breeds are welcome): Boston Terrier, Old English Bulldog, French Bulldog, Japanese Chin, Pekingese and Pug*

## **Rabbits**

\$75 for spay or neuter

