

STOP THE MYTHS

THE TRUTH ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING



"My pet will get fat and lazy."

Truth: Weight gain is usually due to overeating and lack of exercise, not spaying or neutering. With a proper diet and activity, your pet will stay fit and happy.

"It's better for a female to have one litter before being spayed."

Truth: There's no health benefit to letting a female have a litter first. In fact, spaying before the first heat can greatly reduce the risk of certain cancers.

"It changes my pet's personality negatively."

Truth: Spaying/neutering may reduce unwanted behaviors (like aggression, marking, or roaming), but it doesn't change a pet's fundamental personality.

"It's unnatural or cruel."

Truth: Spaying or neutering is a safe, routine medical procedure. It helps prevent suffering caused by overpopulation, disease, and behavioral issues. The benefits outweigh the temporary discomfort from surgery.

"My kids should experience the miracle of birth."

Truth: While that might seem educational, it often leads to unwanted litters and more animals in shelters. Teaching kids about responsible pet care is an even better lesson.

"My male pet will feel less 'manly'."

Truth: Pets don't have a concept of masculinity. Neutering won't affect your pet's happiness, identity, or relationship with you.

"It's too expensive."

Truth: Many clinics offer low-cost spay/neuter programs. In the long run, it's cheaper than dealing with litters or certain medical issues.

"Indoor pets don't need to be fixed."

Truth: Accidents happen—pets can escape or be around other animals. Also, spaying and neutering still offers health and behavior benefit



Spaying or neutering is one of the most responsible choices a pet owner can make.