

# LOVE YOUR PET

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## SPAY ♥ NEUTER



National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, observed annually in February, aims to raise awareness about the positive impact of spaying (females) and neutering (males) pets. Sterilization not only helps control the pet population, but it also provides numerous health and behavioral benefits to animals.

### Why Spaying/Neutering Matters

Sterilizing your pet provides numerous benefits to your pet, your family, and your community, including:

- **Controlling the Pet Homelessness Crisis:** Hundreds of thousands of pets enter shelters each year, and spaying/neutering helps reduce the number of accidental litters of puppies and kittens entering overcrowded shelters.
- **Improved Health:** Spaying prevents uterine infections and significantly reduces the risk of mammary cancer in female pets, especially if done before their first heat. Neutering male pets prevents testicular cancer and reduces the risk of prostate issues. As a result, pets live longer, healthier lives.
- **Behavioral Benefits:** Spaying eliminates heat cycles, reducing behaviors like yowling, marking, and aggression. Neutered males are less likely to roam, reducing the risk of injury and fights.
- **Cost-Effective:** The cost of spaying or neutering is a one-time expense that is generally less than the cost of caring for a litter or treating health problems related to reproductive systems.
- **Prevents Lost Pets.** Sterilizing your pets lowers the probability they will try to escape from their home in search of a mate.
- **Reduce Dog Bites.** Sterilization significantly lowers the number of dog bite incidents in a community. Most dog bites (60–80%) are caused by intact (unsterilized) male dogs. Pregnant or nursing female dogs are more likely to bite as well.

Sterilizing your pets makes a positive impact on your pet, you, and your community!

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### Wish List

Reducing our expenses by donating supplies we use every day is a great way to help us subsidize more spay/neuter surgeries for at-risk pets. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Want to make a bigger impact - organize a donation drive at your work or school or among your family members - a great excuse to work together to help animals!

**Wish List Items:**

- Paper Towels
- Ziplock Bags - Sandwich or Quart Size
- Bleach and Dryer Sheets
- Sharpies and Pens
- Garbage Bags - 13 and 55 Gallon
- Distilled Water
- Newspapers
- Gently used bath towels and blankets
- Gift Cards to Walmart/Target/Staples
- Baby Socks (for paws during surgery to keep pets warm)
- New or Used Dog Collars, Leashes and Toys for Clients' Pets



Thank you for helping us!

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