

Why Spay and Neuter?



Spay/Neuter Benefits People and Pets Alike by:

Saving and Improving Lives

"No other disease or condition of companion animals takes as many lives as euthanasia."

Janet M. Scarlett, DVM, MPH, PhD, Cornell University

An estimated 6 million to 8 million dogs and cats enter shelters in the United States every year. Approximately 3 million to 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized in U.S. animal shelters every year.

The Humane Society of the United States

In the Los Angeles community alone, there are an estimated 1 million wild, homeless, stray and 'feral' cats.

FixNation, Inc.

One fertile cat can produce 3 litters of kittens in a year. One fertile dog can produce two litters of puppies in a year.

The National Council on Pet Population, Study and Policy

More than 90 million cats live in U.S. homes, while an estimated 70 million homeless cats wander the streets.

Morris Animal Foundation Annual Report, 2006

One pair of fertile cats and their offspring can produce up to 12,000 kittens in about five years.

SpayUSA

During 2008, 181,234 dogs and cats entered shelters in the city and county of Los Angeles. Of them, 53.5 percent were put down, - 35,420 dogs and 61,477 cats.

Found Animals Foundation



Saving Money

In the United States, approximately \$1 billion is spent annually to pick up, house and euthanize companion animals.

*Humane Alliance,
The Humane Society of the United States*

In California, taxpayers spend as much as \$250 million a year to house the nearly 1 million pets who enter the state's shelters annually.

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454,000 unclaimed cats and dogs are euthanized each year in California shelters at a cost of \$300 million.

Los Angeles Times, July 12, 2007

Healthier Pets

Medical research shows that spayed or neutered cats and dogs live longer and healthier lives. For example, sterilization can reduce certain types of cancer in dogs and cats.

Safer Communities

Unaltered dogs are three times more likely to attack humans and other pets. According to the Centers for Disease Control, California currently has the nation's highest occurrences of dog bites, animal attacks and attack-related fatalities in the nation - and children are the most common victims.

Taxpayer savings

California's local governments spend more than \$250 million every year¹ to shelter and/or euthanize homeless and unwanted animals. According to the Animal Population Control Study Commission, every dollar spent on spay and neuter surgeries saves taxpayers \$18.72 in future animal control costs during a 10-year period.

(1) California Healthy Pets Coalition

