

WHY SHOULD YOU SPAY YOUR CAT?

- Cats start going into heat during late winter or early spring and will go in and out of heat through late summer or early fall. Females in heat will try to get outside, will cry continuously, and male cats will try to get inside your home.
- To prevent unwanted pregnancies. Millions of animals are euthanized each year, and by bringing new kittens into the world you are taking away homes from animals that are already here.
- To prevent a life threatening uterine infection called pyometra. The treatment for pyometra is surgery and is much more risky than a simple spay.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN SPAYING A CAT?

During a spay, the ovaries and the uterus of your cat are removed. The surgery is done under general anesthetic using a combination of injectable and gas anesthetic. The patient is kept for the day and sometimes overnight. They may have skin sutures that will need to be removed in 10-14 days. Most cats recover quickly from the surgery and will need to be kept indoors and as quiet as possible for 2 weeks.

WHY SHOULD YOU NEUTER YOUR CAT?

- Intact male cats have many unacceptable behaviors including roaming (running away from home), getting into catfights, spraying and urinating in your house. Neutering can take away these urges, but once a behavior has started, it may not stop with neutering.
- To prevent unwanted pregnancies. Millions of animals are euthanized each year, and by bringing new kittens into the world, you are taking away homes from animals that are already here.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN NEUTERING A CAT?

Neutering involves removing both testicles from your cat. It is done using injectable anesthetic. The patients can go home the same day and normally recovers very quickly from surgery.