

Spay and Neuter...it's humane! Did you know your pet can die if not spayed or neutered? Ask a veterinary professional. We've seen lots of precious animals suffer and die from something that could have so easily been prevented. The Facts: Behavior problems top the list of reasons for pet relinquishment. www.hsus.org/ace/11799 Male dogs are hit by cars, or otherwise injured having escaped because of a nearby female in heat. Neutered male dogs won't run after a female in heat. Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer, particularly when your pet is spayed before her first estrous cycle. Neutering eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease. Spaying and neutering can eliminate or reduce the incidence of a number of health problems that can be very difficult or expensive to treat. Neutering eliminates the tendency of male cats and dogs to mark their property. Spaying can also prevent mammary gland tumors, the most common tumor in unspayed female dogs and the third most common tumor in cats. They are more common in dogs than in humans. A high percentage of mammary tumors are cancerous: in dogs, nearly 50%; in cats, nearly 90%. Once a cancerous mammary tumor spreads to the bones or lungs, the cancer will be fatal. An unspayed dog is 200 times more likely to develop mammary tumors than a dog spayed before her first heat. An unspayed cat is 7 times more likely than a spayed cat to develop mammary tumors. Female dogs and cats:~ The risk of mammary tumors for dogs spayed before their first heat is 0.05%. This risk increased to 8% after one heat cycle, and 26% after the second heat. ~ Cats who are spayed prior to one year of age have a 0.6% risk of developing mammary carcinomas compared with intact cats. 3/29/09- Thanks Kim, I agree with spay and neutering 100%