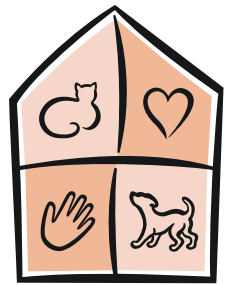


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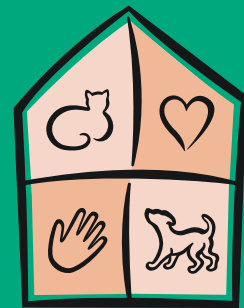
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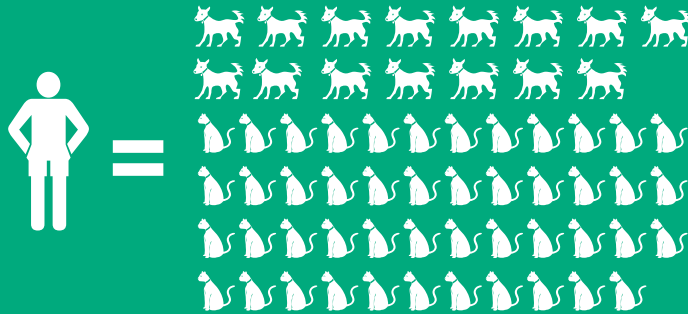


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There are millions of pet lovers in the United States, yet sadly we are forced to kill millions of dogs and cats each year because of pet overpopulation. Of the estimated ten million animals brought to shelters each year, approximately half will not find new homes and families. The uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats has produced more animals than there are loving homes.

Consider These Facts:

- In just six years one female dog and her offspring can be the source of 67,000 puppies.
- In seven years one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens.
- For every human born in the United States, 15 dogs and 45 cats are born.



You can help end this tragedy with one small, but significant action — prevent a litter by having your companion animal sterilized. The surgery is routine, has health benefits for the animal, and should be done regardless of the sex of the animal. Often referred to as having a pet “fixed,” neutering is a simple surgery performed by a veterinarian to remove an animal’s reproductive organs. The neutering of a female is often referred to as spaying.



Oregon Humane Society Mission Statement:

To foster an environment of respect, responsibility, and compassion for all animals through education, legislation, and leadership; To take care of the homeless, defend the abused, and fight with unrelenting diligence for the recognition of the integrity of all animals.

Spaying and Neutering is Beneficial for Your Animal.

Sterilized pets generally lead longer and healthier lives. Spaying female animals greatly reduces the incident of breast cancer and eliminates the possibility of uterine and ovarian cancer. Spaying a female before her first heat and not after one litter further reduces these



health risks. Neutering a male animal eliminates the possibility of testicular cancer and reduces the risk of prostate enlargement and prostate cancer. Neutering also will make your pet more affectionate and less likely to roam, get in fights, or become lost.

What Spaying and Neutering Will NOT Do.

Contrary to popular belief, pets do not become fat and lazy as a result of being spayed or neutered. Any animal who is given too much food and gets too little exercise, regardless if they are sterilized, may become over weight. Neutering your male animal will not make him less of a male or change his basic personality. Your pet's personality is formed more by genetics and environment than by sex hormones. Spaying or neutering will not affect a dog's natural instinct to protect his/her family and home.

Spaying and Neutering Makes Better Companions.

While sterilization does not cure all aggression problems, it greatly reduces the chance that your pet will fight for dominance and may make them less likely to bite. According to Randall Lockwood of the Humane Society of the United States, "Of the nearly twenty fatalities caused by

dog attacks investigated between 1992 and 1994, we have found that none were caused by a spayed or neutered dog." Unsterilized animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than animals who are spayed or neutered. Neutering makes pets less likely to roam the neighborhood, run away, or get lost. In addition, spaying and neutering can reduce or eliminate unpleasant behaviors such as spraying, wailing, messy heat cycles, and humping. Spayed and neutered pets are more relaxed, affectionate companions and often are easier to train.

Breeding Purebreds Contributes to the Problem.

Some feel it is acceptable to breed their pet because it is a purebred. However, one quarter of all animals in shelters nation-wide looking for a home are purebreds. Whether purebred or mixed, there are simply too many animals and not enough loving homes. Some people believe that mating their purebred and selling the offspring is a good way to make some extra cash. But in fact, rarely is the expense of breeding recovered with the sale of puppies or kittens.



It Starts With "Just One Litter."

Some people assume that it is "okay" to allow their pet to have one litter of kittens or puppies as long as they find a home for each offspring. The fact is there are too many homeless animals and even if you find a home for all your pet's puppies or kittens, you are still taking homes away from other companion animals. Also, it is difficult to ensure that each offspring you place will have a lifetime home and not be responsible for producing "just one litter." In less than three years, your "one litter" can easily become 1,296

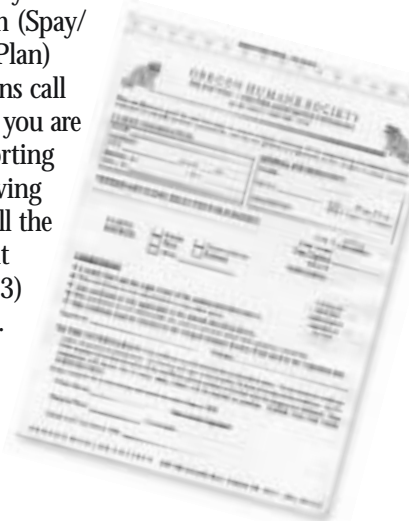
animals all in need of a permanent, loving home. Thousands of healthy puppies and kittens are euthanized every day in this country and each one of those little ones came from "just one litter."

The Miracle of Birth.

Many people still believe that the best way to teach children about the miracle of birth is to allow the family pet to have a litter. Chances are, you and your children will not even witness the birth since most animals deliver their young at night and in seclusion. When you consider the large number of homeless animals, might it not be a far more valuable lesson for children to visit a shelter, adopt a pet, and save a life?

Saving lives is simple.

There's no question that spaying and neutering saves lives and the Oregon Humane Society is doing its part to end pet overpopulation in our community. We require all dogs, cats, and rabbits adopted from us be sterilized either before they leave the shelter or within a specified period of time. Every year our Humane Educators teach thousands of school children about responsible pet care and the importance of spaying/neutering pets. In addition, for those individuals with a financial need, OHS can assist with the cost of a spay/neuter surgery. For more information on our SNAP program (Spay/Neuter Assistance Plan) and no-interest loans call (503) 285-7722. If you are interested in supporting one of these life-saving programs, please call the OHS Development Department at (503) 285-7722, ext 222.



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