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WHY WE RECOMMEND SPAYING OR NEUTERING YOUR PET

First, overpopulation: Millions of puppies and kittens are euthanized every year at animal shelters because there are not enough homes for all of them. When your pet has a litter, even if you find homes for each animal, there will be one less home available for the animals at the shelter.

Second, health benefits: When females are spayed there is a 98% reduction in the possibility of developing mammary cancer. We also eliminate the chance of contracting a uterine infection – a common problem when older animals go through a heat cycle. When males are neutered we eliminate the possibility of testicular cancer as well as greatly reduce problems associated with the prostate gland.

Lastly, behavior management: Behavioral problems are reduced in spayed and neutered animals. Following surgery your pet's personality will not be adversely affected and you will likely see a decrease in unwanted behaviors. Intact animals are more likely to roam and fight because they look to establish territory and find mates. They also tend to mark their territory which can mean urinating inside the house.

Note: spaying and neutering can reduce an animal's metabolism. A reduction in volume of food is usually needed.