



# The Importance Of Spaying And Neutering Your Pet

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Spaying and neutering your pet is a crucial step in responsible pet ownership. It helps prevent overpopulation, reduces health risks, and improves behavior. Learn why it's important for your furry friend!

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## Why Spay or Neuter Your Pet?

- **Prevents Overpopulation:** Millions of animals end up in shelters every year, and many are euthanized due to lack of homes.
- **Reduces Health Risks:** Spaying females prevents uterine infections and breast tumors, while neutering males reduces testicular cancer risk.
- **Improves Behavior:** Less aggressive tendencies, reduced roaming, and fewer marking/spraying issues.

## Common Myths About Spaying & Neutering

- **"It Will Make My Pet Fat"** – Proper diet and exercise prevent weight gain, not hormones.
- **"My Pet Should Have One Litter First"** – This is a myth. Early spaying reduces cancer risks.
- **"It's Unnatural"** – Responsible pet care includes making decisions for their long-term well-being.

## When is the Best Time to Spay/Neuter?

- **Puppies & Kittens:** Typically done around 8 weeks to 6 months.
- **Adult Pets:** Can be safely altered at any age with vet consultation.
- **Senior Pets:** May require additional health checks before surgery.

## How to Get Assistance

- Check with your local shelter for low-cost spay/neuter programs.

- Some organizations offer financial assistance to pet owners in need.
- Vet clinics often run special promotions - call and ask about discounts!
- There are several low-cost spay/neuter options available, besides local vet clinics. For instance, Dehart Veterinary Services. They provide very low cost pet wellness and high quality spay/neuter clinics at several locations around East Texas. For more information, contact them at [\(903\) 590-7722](tel:9035907722) or visit their website at [dehartvetservices.com](http://dehartvetservices.com).

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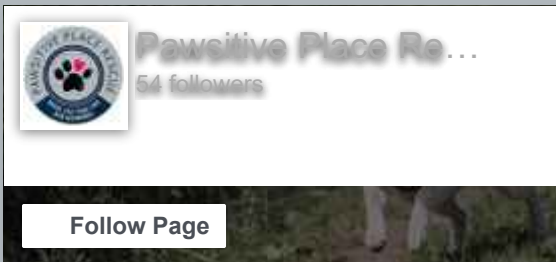


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