# **Spay and Neutering**

## When can I have this procedure done?

**OPL:** We strongly feel that the longer one can wait the better. So, 8 months is good for toy to small

size puppies. Teacups i'd wait till 12 months or older. We have had (along with our customers) puppies experiencing side effects from Anesthesia that lead to complications and a few accidental deaths. Perhaps giving the lungs time to mature would help the puppies fare better. And, so they have when older puppies. Most Vet Office's make you sign a waiver that they are not responsible for side effects. Years ago working with one vet that accidentally put down a chihuahua during the neutering procedure felt so bad he cried and offered to replace the puppy dog. Another experience was when a customer of ours purchased a puppy and later lost their puppy in the same manner. That vet purchased another puppy from us for this family. While, all other vets who had complications or death – continue in a "thats to bad, there's nothing we can do manner".

It maybe wise, to take our Health Insurance for the month of this surgery.

#### What are some of the health and behavioral benefits?

American Humane Association: Through neutering, you can help your dog or cat live a happier, healthier, longer life. Spaying eliminates the constant crying and nervous pacing of a female cat in heat. Spaying a female dog also eliminates the messiness associated with the heat cycle.

Neutering of male dogs and cats can prevent certain undesirable sexual behaviors, such as urine marking, humping, male aggression and the urge to roam. If you have more than one pet in your household, all the pets will generally get along better if they are neutered.

A long-term benefit of spaying and neutering is improved health for both cats and dogs. Spaying females prior to their first heat cycle nearly eliminates the risk of breast cancer and totally prevents uterine infections and uterine cancer. Neutering males prevents testicular cancer and enlargement of the prostate gland, and greatly reduces their risk for perianal tumors.

## Spaying and Neutering just costs too much!

**OPL:** Thats depends on gender and where you go. The males are less costly whereas females are alittle more. Now, Vets costs. We found the inner city vets are higher priced. Rather than country or on the outskirts of town Vets were much less. Sometimes even HALF the price. Please, take some time and call maybe 6 Vets from both area's and you see what we mean. We travel farther, but save more. And, we are not sacraficing competent quality care either. If your from our Area try

Hometown Vet Linda Crivitz, Wi. 1-715-854-2266 Or We Care Clintonville, Wi. 715-823-8387

Some pet insurance's will have offer coverage for this. And, many animal shelters offer low-cost spay/neuter services, and there are also many low-cost spay/neuter clinics across the country. To find low-cost options in your area, call your local animal shelter.

## Doesn't neutering alter an animal's personality?

American Humane Association: No. Personality changes that may result from neutering are for the better. Not being distracted by the instinctual need to find a mate helps your pet stop roaming and decreases aggressive tendencies.

- See more at: http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/adoption-pet-care/caring-for-your-pet/spaying-neutering.html#sthash.wc8lW6Mu.dpuf