



Angel's Wish

DON'T LITTER-SPAY AND NEUTER!

Be a part of the solution

Prevent a litter-It's good for your pet

Spaying and neutering helps cats and dogs live longer, healthier lives. There are many benefits to you and your pet! Altering a pet can eliminate or reduce a number of health problems which can be expensive to treat and reduces behavioral issues.

- 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 makes pets less likely to bite
- Spaying and neutering makes pets less likely to roam or get into fights
- Altered pets are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- Spayed pets do not attract unwanted males into the neighborhood, which fight and spray, and cause bite, rabies or other health hazards to people.



Don't litter

- Cats average 3 litters annually
- Average number of kittens per litter: 4-6
- Two cats and their offspring can produce 5,000 kittens in just 7 years
- Dogs average 2 litters annually
- Average number of puppies per litter: 6-10
- Two dogs and their offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in 6 years



Spaying and neutering are routine surgeries and can be done at 4 months of age



How can you help?

- Spay and neuter your pets
- Spay and neuter feral cats living in your area
- Adopt a homeless pet from an animal shelter or rescue. Petfinder.com is the largest database of adoptable pets in the U.S.
- Consider adopting an older pet that is less likely to be adopted
- Encourage others to adopt from shelters and rescues
- Donate time and/or money to shelters and rescues
- Foster pets that are homeless
- Do not buy from puppy mills, backyard breeders, or pet stores

I'd spay/neuter, but...

"I want my family to experience the birth process." Foster homeless pregnant animals if you want to experience the birth process. There are rescue organizations and humane societies ready to train you. It's fun and rewarding and doesn't add more unwanted litters! Check out www.angelswish.org for more information.

"My pet isn't old enough." The six-month standard is an outdated concept—cats and dogs can become pregnant at just four months. Spaying and neutering can be done as soon as a pet weighs two pounds.

"I can find a home for the kittens/puppies." If you know people looking for a new pet, please encourage them to go to a shelter or rescue and save the life of a homeless pet. There are not enough adopters and millions of pets die every year waiting for a family.

"It costs too much." The average cost of spay/neuter surgery is less than the cost of a pregnancy and one litter. Spaying/neutering also reduces or eliminates the risk of costly diseases. Low cost options are available through various clinics and shelters if you need assistance.

Spay/neuter saves lives

Over 70,000 kittens and puppies are born daily in the U.S. In just one year, over 8 to 12 million animals end up homeless in shelters and rescues. With not enough people adopting from shelters and rescues, 4 to 6 million animals are euthanized. That's 10,000 animals euthanized daily. Spaying and neutering and the promotion of adopting homeless pets from shelters/rescues are the key components of saving lives.



Talk to us about fostering!



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