



Spaying or neutering your pet is an important part of pet ownership, and a significant choice to keep your pet happy and healthy.

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Did you know?

Each year **MILLIONS** of pets are euthanized due to over-population in shelters – too many pets and not enough homes!

WE CARE about your “Best Friend”

The veterinarians at **SouthCare Animal Medical Center** believe that spaying or neutering your pet is one of the most **IMPORTANT** pet health choices you can make for your pet and your community.



Low cost? Questions you should ask:

We feel that it is important for pet owners to make **informed decisions** about where to seek veterinary services. Low-cost spay and neuter clinics operate in a high-volume assembly line environment. **Individual and loving care is not a priority.** The surgery itself is similar, but typically the equipment and extensive medical care provided are limited.

- ✓ **Is reversible gas anesthesia used?** It's more expensive, but it's safer.
- ✓ **Are the instruments sterilized after every use?** It's more expensive and time-consuming, but it's safer.
- ✓ **Does the doctor scrub between surgeries?** It takes longer, supplies cost more, but it's safer.
- ✓ **Is the pet connected to IV catheter/fluids and a cardiopulmonary monitor?** It costs more, but it's safer if there is a medical event.
- ✓ **Is the incision closed with layers of sutures?** It takes longer and costs more, but it's safer.

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Spaying or Neutering *what you need to know*

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Research has shown that altered pets have a longer life expectancy than pets that have not been spayed or neutered.

Female pets spayed before their first heat cycle have a significantly reduced chance of developing breast, uterine or ovarian cancers. In addition, spayed pets can't develop pyometra (an infection of the uterus) that can result in death.

What are the benefits of spaying or neutering your pet?

Male pets neutered before they become sexually mature can prevent benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). They are less aggressive and less likely to exhibit **unwanted behaviors**, such as spraying, inappropriate elimination and mounting. In addition, they will have less desire to roam the neighborhood. This often results in fights and bite wounds that require veterinary care.

Common Questions & Answers

When should my pet be altered?

We recommend all pets be altered around **6 months** of age – before they become sexually mature.



Why perform a presurgery blood screen?

This is **important** because a blood screen allows us to determine your pet's **kidney** and **liver** functions prior to being anesthetized. The liver and kidneys are the organs that break down the anesthetic drug and remove it from the body. Knowing, rather than assuming, your pet's ability to process the anesthesia is an **added safety benefit** for your pet.

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A nurse is assigned to monitor your pet during and after surgery.

Are the anesthesia and surgery safe?

Spaying is considered **major surgery** because the incision is made through the abdomen. Neutering is considered **minor surgery**; however, both are done under anesthesia. There is always an inherent risk with any anesthesia. We use **patient-specific safe protocols** for all surgery patients. Your pet's vital signs are closely and constantly monitored during surgery. After surgery, our **caring nursing staff** will observe your pet until he/she is fully awake, safe and comfortable.

Why choose a full-service spay or neuter surgery?

Our full-service hospital provides individual care and loving attention. It is designed to maximally ensure anesthetic safety and minimize postoperative complications. But our cost for full service is less than the usual fees associated with major abdominal surgery as our contribution to the pet overpopulation problem. **Our services include:**

- ✓ Veterinary exam before surgery
- ✓ Presurgery blood screen
- ✓ Advanced gas inhalation anesthesia
- ✓ Cardiopulmonary monitoring
- ✓ IV catheter and supportive fluids
- ✓ Postoperative pain management
- ✓ Loving care with calm hospitalization
- ✓ Suture removal 7-10 days after surgery