

# 8 GREAT REASONS TO SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET



## Less mess.

Neutered male cats are less likely to mark territory with strong-smelling urine. Spayed female dogs won't go into heat or experience vaginal discharge that can last two weeks or more (diapers are often needed to prevent the discharge from causing messes in the pet's home).



## Easier to live with.

Neutered male dogs may be less likely to show unwanted mounting behaviors. Spayed female cats will not display their rears or cry to be let outdoors to find a mate when in heat.



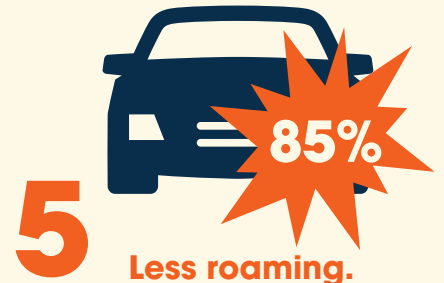
## Healthier males.

Neutering reduces the risk of prostate disease and painful hernias in dogs.



## Healthier females.

Spaying will protect your pet from developing uterine infections like pyometra, as well as uterine and ovarian cancer. It also reduces your pet's risk of developing serious diseases such as mammary gland cancer and prevents dystocia, or difficulty giving birth.



## Less roaming.

Did you know that 85% of dogs hit by cars are not neutered? Neutered male cats and dogs do not have the desire to roam away from home in search of a mate.



## Less fighting.

Neutered male cats tend to fight less with each other. Reduced fighting means less nighttime yowling and fewer injuries.



## Saves money.

It is expensive to care for litters of puppies or kittens. Mother cats and dogs need extra care as they nurse, including special food. Additional supplies are necessary to keep your home clean and puppies or kittens happy.



## Family planning.

This is the only 100% effective method of preventing unplanned cat & dog litters.

For more information about spay/neuter and to find out about our services visit [aspcanet.org](https://www.aspcanet.org).

