

# Elective Surgeries



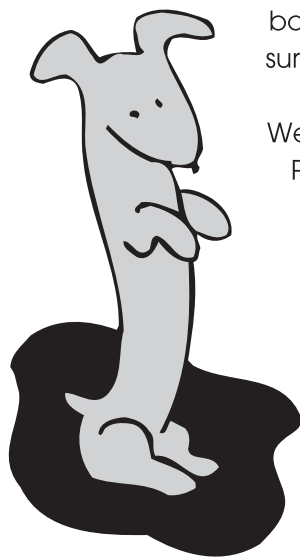
The average lifespan of a neutered pet is 40% longer than an unneutered one. Almost all unspayed female dogs will eventually develop either mammary tumors (breast cancer) or a severe uterine infection called pyometra, by the time they are 8-10 years old. Female dogs also go through a messy heat cycle two to three times each year.

Male dogs commonly develop prostate disease, perianal tumors and testicular tumors in their old age. Even more sadly, the most common reason for euthanasia of pets in the U.S. is behavior problems. These are usually aggression, running away or urinating in the house by unneutered male dogs. Intact males also have more tendency to roam, which leads to automobile injuries, dog fights and contagious diseases.

Keep in mind also that millions of puppies are put to death in the United States each year because there are not enough homes for them all. Spaying and neutering are responsible things to do.

If cost is a concern for having surgery, just \$10-15 per week saved from the time you get your puppy until he or she is 6 months old will be more than enough to cover the surgery.

We recommend spaying (surgical removal of the ovaries and uterus) of female dogs and castration (surgical removal of the testicles) of males, for all dogs who will not be used for purebred breeding. This should be done when your animal reaches 6 months of age. Your animal will be a healthier, happier pet, and you will have done your part to reduce the pet overpopulation problem.



While your pet is anesthetized for surgery, we can also remove any retained baby teeth, fluoride the new adult teeth or implant a microchip ID. Laser surgery is also an option and provides reduced pain, swelling and bleeding.

We will send you a reminder when your dog reaches the age to be altered. Please call us at that time to schedule a surgery appointment.

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