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# THE BENEFITS OF **SPAYING & NEUTERING**

## WHAT IS IT?

*Spaying is the surgical removal of the female animal's reproductive organs and neutering is the surgical removal of a male animal's testicles.*

Both operations are performed while the animal is under anaesthesia. Your veterinarian may want to keep your pet under observation for anywhere from a few hours to a day.

Certain procedures will require that you bring your pet back in a week to ten days for suture removal. Your veterinarian will be glad to answer any questions you may have about spaying or neutering procedures. As well as to help you determine the best age at which the procedure should take place.

## AFTERCARE ADVICE

*After major surgery it is vital that you allow your pet to recuperate. Keeping them in a relaxing, confined space for at least a week will speed up the recovery period.*

Your pet will occasionally lick its wound. Try to discourage this, but if you notice that the wound is red or swollen please bring it in for a check-up.

It is also important that your pet stays out of water (no swimming) until the wound has healed and the stitches have been removed.

If your female was on heat when spayed and was not hospitalised subsequent to the operation, it is very important that she be isolated from males for at least a week as she will still be attractive to the opposite sex. If mating occurs at this stage, it could cause serious injury to your pet.

It is advised to reduce a dog's food intake by 10-15% after sterilisation if the dog is not getting enough exercise.

*If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact your nearest TAH branch.*

# 4 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD SPAY & NEUTER YOUR PETS

## 1. TO PREVENT UNWANTED LITTERS

Dealing with unexpected or unwanted litters can be traumatic for owners and pets alike, often resulting in unforeseen costs. Arrangements need to be made to find suitable homes for puppies or kittens.

## 2. YOUR PET WILL BE MORE CONTENT

A unsterilized pet is often anxious and frustrated. He or she may pace or whine, act aggressively or inappropriately to furniture or people.

## 3. INCREASE YOUR PET'S LIFE EXPECTANCY

Spaying at an early age eliminates uterine infection and reduces the risk of mammary cancer. Neutering at an early age can prevent testicular cancer and reduces the chances of prostate cancer. In addition to the health benefits, your pet won't face the danger of being in fights, being run over or being exposed to diseases while on the prowl in search of a mate.

## 4. PREVENT ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

The cost of sterilisation is minor compared to the cost of feeding and raising litters. If all goes well, the veterinary care of the female animal and her litter will be substantial - and what if things do not go well? Problems in delivery could lead to a caesarian section, loss of puppies or even the loss of the mother. A sterilised pet often requires fewer vet bills and, with the reduced food intake required, is less expensive to feed.