



# Pet Care NOTES



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## **DEBUNKING SPAY AND NEUTER MYTHS**

One of the most responsible actions an animal owner can take is spaying or neutering a pet. Some people resist taking this important step because they believe certain myths about the procedure and its impact. For instance, it is not true that a pet that is neutered or spayed will get fat and lazy. The cause of obesity in most animals is that they eat too much and don't exercise enough. Some people also believe that spaying and neutering will cause their dog to be less protective, which is also not true. An animal's instinct to protect home and family is not altered by spaying and neutering. Personality is influenced more by genetics than hormones.

We can't encourage you enough to be a responsible pet owner and help deal with the pet population explosion. There are plenty of cats and dogs and kittens and puppies to go around, but unfortunately, not enough good homes for all. Take the necessary first step—we will be more than happy to answer any of your questions concerning spaying and neutering procedures. For more information, to schedule an appointment, or for archived articles, visit our website. We also carry a complete line of high quality pet foods, vitamins, flea & tick prevention products, and grooming products. And be sure to ask about our on-site grooming services.

***FACT: One out of four pets brought to shelters in the United States is a purebred.***

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