

5 Biggest Reasons To Spay & Neuter Your Pet - The Answers May Surprise You - And FREE Options Are Available!

Many younger folks may not recall the late, great game show host, Bob Barker, who [reminded us each and every day](#) about the importance of controlling the ever-increasing animal population through the process of spaying and neutering our pets. At the conclusion of all his episodes of the still popular game show, *The Price Is Right*, way back then he begged his millions of viewers to: “**Help control the pet population, have your pet spayed or neutered.**”

As an avid animal activist, Bob Barker was eventually honored with the Animal Defenders International coveted [Lord Houghton Award](#). The Humane Society, the ASPCA and other animal rights organizations advocate for the sterilization of animal. There are many other ways this practice benefits both pet owners and their animals. Let's look at the top five reasons why we need to spay or neuter our pets:



#1 - LADIES FIRST

[According to the ASPCA](#), female pets will live a much longer and healthier life if they are “fixed” compared to their non-spayed counterparts. [Feline spaying](#) helps to prevent cancer and reduces uterine infections. A decline in both of these diseases is reduced after spaying and for uterine infections, they drop by around 50% for canines and a whopping 90% in female cats.

#2 - COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Stray animals and their resulting unwanted offspring, offer some real concerns when it comes to our suburban and rural communities, especially when it comes to young families. These roaming animals often frighten young children, cause car accidents, and their resulting decaying and dead bodies give way to rising disease concerns and the ghastly sight of these tragedies can often traumatize kids as well as adults.

#3 - TEACHING AND TOLERANCE

While we're on the subject of families and their children, many parents believe that having their kids witness the miracle of birth while watching the miracle of life occur inside their homes through the birthing process of their pets is educational. But many of these experiences end up with unwanted animals. Rather than an educational process through reproduction, there's a better lesson to be learned with preventative measures. There's plenty of online videos, pictures and slideshows that will present this process without bringing more unwanted animals onto our planet.

#4 - BOYS ARE BETTER BEHAVED

Human males can be particularly sensitive when it comes to the removal of their boy parts, but for dogs and cats in general, being neutered makes them become better pets in the long run. For cats, it will diminish the occurrence of irritating instinctive marking behaviors like spraying, and dogs will showcase less aggressive mannerisms. The stench of urine and the inability to alter aggressive behavioral patterns in males is much easier to prevent due to early neutering.



#5 - LESS ROAMING MEANS MORE SAVINGS

Male cats and dogs will instinctively roam when they aren't fixed since they are instinctively seeking females who are in heat. This wandering behavior leads to a variety of dangers and exposures due to unnecessary risks from diseases and other hazards. The scent that they naturally follow will lead them into many perils from exposure to ticks, fleas and just like our four-legged children, an increased exposure to more viruses, diseases and expensive medical conditions that comes with this wandering behavior.

The bottom line is, whatever label you wish to associate with spaying, neutering, "fixing" or altering your pet's reproductive system is worth the small price you will pay upfront. More importantly, there are free and low-cost options available for pet owners - you just have to look for them. [Check out some of the resources available to you in your community!](#)