

Benefits of Spay/Neuter



Spaying and neutering is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your cat's health and support the broader community.

Health Benefits

- Prevents uterine infections and significantly reduces the risk of mammary cancer in females.
- Eliminates the risk of testicular cancer in males.
- Reduces roaming, fighting, and hormone-driven behaviors.
- Lowers exposure to communicable diseases such as Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), which are more commonly spread through fighting

On average, spayed and neutered cats live longer than unaltered cats due to reduced risk of disease, injury, and reproductive-related complications.



Behavior Benefits

- Reduces urine marking and spraying behaviors.
- Decreases vocalizing associated with heat cycles.
- Reduces escape attempts related to mating behaviors.
- May decrease certain forms of aggression linked to reproductive hormones.

Community Impact

- Cats can reproduce as early as four months of age. Without intervention, even one unspayed female and her offspring can contribute to exponential population growth in a short period of time.

Key Takeaway

Spaying and neutering supports longer, healthier lives for individual cats while helping prevent overpopulation and suffering in the broader community.

