

Our Mission

The Central Missouri Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1943 to prevent the cruelty to and alleviate the suffering of all animals.

We are committed to responsible pet ownership and elevating the welfare of all animals through adoption, education, and intervention programs.

Our Vision

The Central Missouri Humane Society envisions a time when no animal is homeless or neglected.



We love putting
pets with people!

Spay and Neuter FAQ's

Myth: My female cat or dog should have a litter before she is spayed.

Fact: The sooner you spay your female, the better her health will be in the future. As long as a kitten or puppy weighs more than two pounds and is two months old, he or she can be neutered or spayed. Many veterinarians practice safe early sterilization. The longer a female goes unspayed, the greater the likelihood of developing mammary tumors or uterine infections.

Myth: Spaying or neutering will alter my pet's personality.

Fact: Regardless of the age when spayed or neutered, your pet will remain a caring, loving and protective companion. Neutering will reduce the need to breed, which has a calming effect on many animals. Both neutered male canines and felines tend to stop roaming and fighting, and they also lose the desire to mark their territory with urine.

Myth: Companion animals will become fat and lazy if they are neutered.

Fact: Absolutely not! Lack of exercise and overfeeding make pets fat and lazy—not neutering. Sterilized pets tend to live an average of two to three years longer than intact pets.

Myth: Sterilization is a dangerous and painful surgery for my pet.

Fact: Spaying and neutering are the most common surgeries performed on animals. With a minimal amount of home care, your pet will resume normal behavior in a couple of days.

Spay and Neuter:

Do your part to curb the pet
overpopulation!



Putting Pets with People

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The Truth

Millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized annually or suffer as strays. Many of these are the result of unwanted, unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

Rarely surviving for more than a few years on their own, strays die painfully by starvation, disease, freezing or being hit by cars.

The Procedure

Spaying a female (removing the ovaries and uterus) or neutering a male (removing the testicles) are veterinary procedures performed under general anesthesia. Both surgeries usually require minimal hospitalization.

The ASPCA strongly recommends spaying or neutering your pet as early as possible. Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering a male cat or dog before six months of age prevents testicular cancer and prostate disease.

Spaying a female cat or dog helps prevent pyometria (a pus filled uterus) and breast cancer. Treatment of pyometria requires hospitalization, intravenous fluids, antibiotics and spaying.

Breast cancer can be fatal in about 50 percent of female dogs and 90 percent of female cats.

For an older, seriously ill animal, anesthesia and surgery are complicated and costly. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from

Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Services at CMHS

The Central Missouri Humane Society offers low-cost spay and neuter services to individuals who meet income requirements and students with valid student identification. All animals adopted out from our shelter are spayed or neutered before leaving our care.

Exceptions are made for barnyard specials (three or more animals.)

Cats and Kittens

Spay	\$30
Neuter	\$25
Barnyard Special	\$20

Dogs and Puppies

Spay/Neuter under 50 lbs	\$60
Spay/Neuter 50 to 90 lbs	\$65
Spay/Neuter over 90 lbs	\$70
Barnyard Special	\$50

Rabbits, must be over 1 year

Spay	\$35
Neuter	\$25

To book an appointment or for further information please contact the Central Missouri Humane Society at (573) 443- PETS

Our Veterinarians reserve the right to refuse Service, if they feel it is not in the best interest of your animal.

The Benefits

Males:

Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, intact, unsupervised males roam in search of a mate, risking injury in traffic and in fights with other males.

They mark their territory by spraying strong smelling urine on surfaces. Indoors, male dogs may embarrass you by mounting furniture and human legs when stimulated.

Don't confuse aggressiveness with protectiveness—a neutered dog protects his home and family just as well as an intact dog, and many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

Females:

While their cycles vary greatly, most female cats exhibit the following signs when in heat. For four or five days every three weeks during breeding season, they yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house—advertising for mates.

Female dogs generally have a bloody discharge for a week or more, and can conceive for another week or so. Often, they attract intact

