



## Hawaii Island Humane Society Spay/Neuter Programs

### COUPON PROGRAM

There are discounted vouchers or free vouchers available that allow you to take your animal to be spayed or neutered through a participating veterinarian or through HIHS.

### ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTED SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS

Throughout the year we may have different types of discounted vouchers to spay and neuter your pet that are supported by other agencies. Contact HIHS throughout the year to find out what programs may be available.

### FERAL CAT CLINIC

Every month we offer a free clinic for feral cats. Spaying and neutering feral cats helps control the population and improves their overall health. During the clinic we test cats for FIV and FeLV at no additional cost. Ear tipping is also performed to make identifying sterilized feral cats much easier.

## The Numbers

1. In the U.S. there are an estimated 6 to 8 million homeless animals entering animal shelters every year. A small percentage of these animals are adopted. Tragically, many are euthanized.
2. Only 10% of the animals received by shelters have been spayed or neutered.
3. Just one female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in only six years
4. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce an incredible 420,000 kittens.
5. For each person born in America, 15 dogs and 45 cats are also born. In order for every one of these dogs and cats to have a home, each person in a household would have to care for 15 dogs and 45 cats.

**Together as a community we can reduce  
the number of homeless pets**

***Please, be part of the solution –  
spay and neuter your pets!***

### Hawaii Island Humane Society Shelters:

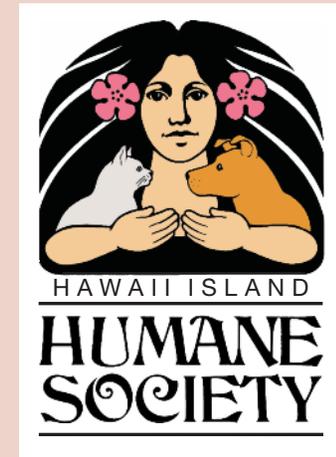
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# Learn the Facts about Spaying/Neutering



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## FACTS:

### Spaying (Females)

1. If spayed, cats and dogs will no longer have heat cycles, therefore males will not be attracted
2. She will have less desire to roam
3. The risk of mammary gland tumors, ovarian and/or uterine cancer is reduced or eliminated, especially if spayed before the first heat cycle
4. Spaying reduces the number of unwanted cats/kittens/dogs/puppies

### Neutering (males)

1. Neutered it reduces or eliminates risk of spraying and marking
2. He will have less desire to roam, therefore less likely to be injured in fights or auto accidents
3. The risk of testicular cancer is eliminated and decreases incidence of prostate disease
4. Neutering often decreases aggressive behavior, including dog bites



### Benefits for Animals

Spaying and neutering helps animals live longer and healthier lives by eliminating or reducing many health problems. Perhaps the most important health benefit of spaying/neutering your pet is the elimination of certain cancers. The odds of mammary and uterus cancer go up significantly each time your pet has a heat cycle. Spaying/ Neutering will also help protect pets from contracting fatal diseases such as feline leukemia or FIV (feline AIDS) that are spread through the exchange of bodily fluids. Sterilized animal companions are far less likely to roam in search of mates, running away or getting into fights as a result.

### Benefits for Guardians

Sterilizing eliminates or reduces many behavior and temperament problems and could make your pet a more affectionate companion. Dog training is much easier. Animals that are spayed or neutered are also less likely to bite due to aggressiveness.

### Benefits for Society

Shelters around the nation spend an average of \$176 per animal that comes through their doors. Nationally, US taxpayers spend more than \$1 billion per year to deal with homeless pets. Spaying and neutering animals to prevent accidental or irresponsible breeding is a cost-effective way to reduce these expenses.

There are low cost or free spay/neuter programs available from Hawaii Island Humane Society for sterilizing your pet.

### The Solution

Have your pet spayed/neutered. It is a safe surgery and a healthy animal recovers quickly. The younger a pet is the faster the recovery from surgery may be. The operation will be much less stressful on your pet than having a litter of kittens or puppies. Spaying and neutering is the only way to reduce pet overpopulation. Please be a part of the solution and save lives!

