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WHY SPAY AND NEUTER MY PETS???

Why all male dogs should be neutered:

There are several health benefits to neuter. One of the most important concerns the prostate gland, which due to testosterone will gradually enlarge over the course of the dog's life. In age, it is likely to become uncomfortable, possibly interfering with defecation. Under the influence of testosterone, the prostate is also predisposed to infection, which is almost impossible to clear up without neutering.

Other health benefits of neutering include the prevention of certain types of hernias and tumors of the testicles and anus.

The interest in roaming is eliminated in 90% of neutered dogs. Aggressive behavior against other male dogs is eliminated in the majority of dogs. Urine marking is also eliminated in 50% of neutered dogs.

Why all female dogs should be spayed:

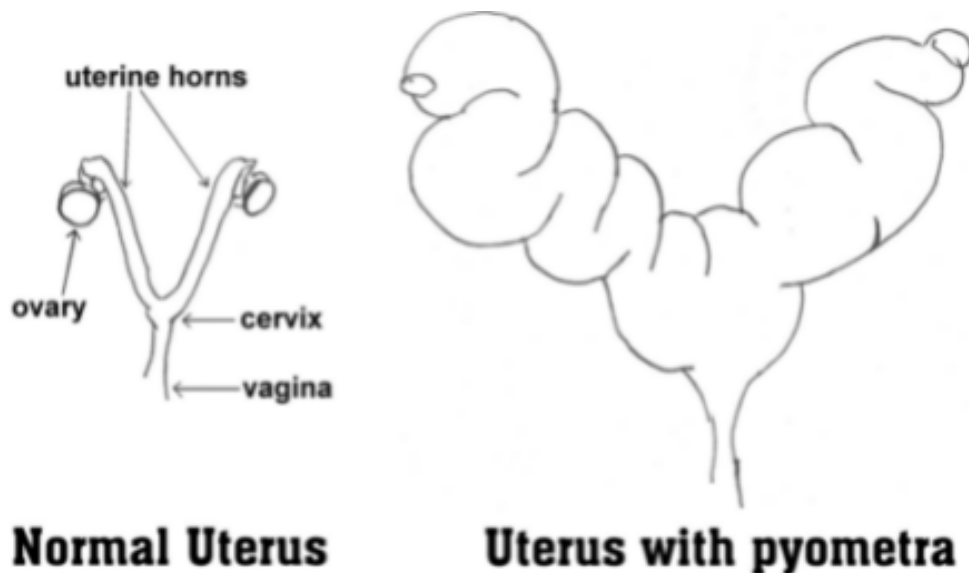
Surgical sterilization of the female dog, commonly referred to as spaying, is one of the most significant aspects of female dog care an owner can provide. The benefit FAR outweighs than simply not having puppies.

Spaying involves removal of the uterus and ovaries. It is a major surgery, but a commonly performed one, ideally performed while a female dog is still in puppyhood, prior to her first heat cycle.

A female dog spayed before her first heat (most come into heat between 7 and 12 months of age) will have a near ZERO chance of developing breast cancer. After the first heat, this incidence climbs to 7%, and after the second heat the risk is 25% (one in four!). It is easy to see that an early spay can completely prevent what is frequently a very difficult and potentially fatal form of cancer.

Female dogs come into heat every 6-8 months. There is a bloody vaginal discharge and attraction of local male dogs. Often there is an offensive odor. All of this disappears with spaying.

Pyometra Prevention



Pyometra is the life-threatening infection of the uterus that generally occurs in middle-aged to older female dogs in the six weeks following heat. The hormone progesterone, which primes the uterus for potential pregnancy, does so by causing proliferation of the bloodfilled uterine lining and suppressing uterine immune function. It is thus easy during heat for bacteria in the vagina to ascend to the uterus and cause infection. The uterus with pyometra swells dramatically and is filled with pus, bacteria, dying tissue, and toxins. Without treatment, the dog is expected to die. Despite her serious medical state, she must be spayed quickly if her life is to be saved.

- This is an extremely common disease of unspayed female dogs.
- Without treatment the dog will die.
- Treatment is expensive.
- Treatment involves surgery in a potentially unstable patient.
- Spaying prevents the whole thing.

Spaying is one of the most important preventive health measures that can be provided for a female dog of any age. Health benefits from spaying are too important to ignore! Please call to have your female dog scheduled to be spayed.

Lastly:

In addition to the health benefits of spaying and neutering there is a serious overpopulation problem of dogs and cats. Countless animals are euthanized in shelters daily, you can do your part in helping decrease these numbers by not allowing your pets to reproduce.