

**Day Hollow
Animal Hospital**
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If you have any questions regarding your pet and spaying or neutering, please call for consultation.

If you would like to have a cost estimate for spay or neuter, please call and we would be happy to tailor one to your pet's specific needs and mail it to you.

We offer and recommend pre-surgical bloodwork to help ensure that the procedure is right for your pet.

All animals should be up to date with core vaccines, flea and tick control, and have a thorough physical exam by your vet before being spayed or neutered.

Why Should My Pet Be Spayed or Neutered?

A Guide for Owners

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Many health and behavior risks are minimized for spayed and neutered cats and dogs.

Anyone who has had to deal with a dog or cat in heat (estrus) knows that it can be a challenge. But, did you know...

If spayed before a first heat (at about 5 or 6 months of age), your pet is significantly less likely to ever develop mammary cancer.



The risk of development of mammary cancer increases with each successive estrus cycle.

Your pet is much less likely to stray from home if he or she is spayed or neutered. This reduces the risk of traumatic accidents and fights.

Neutered males are much less likely to inappropriately urinate throughout the house and are less likely to show aggression.

Intact dogs and cats are at a greater risk for develop-

ing health problems with their reproductive tract, such as:

- Pyometra (Pus trapped in the uterus, a life-threatening condition)
- Ovarian tumors or cystic diseases
- Uterine cancers or cystic diseases
- Prostatic enlargement or prostatic cysts
- Testicular tumors
- Feline Leukemia Virus and Feline Aids Virus

There are too many orphaned puppies and kittens!

Are you ready to take on the responsibility (and expense) of responsible breeding of your pet?

Would you be able to find good homes for an entire litter of kittens or puppies, and responsibly care for their health until the time they are able to be taken

away from their mother?

There are many good breeders out there who can do just this. However, it is not meant for all of us!

One need not look far to understand the result of unwanted puppies and kittens. Just visit any local

animal shelter to see how overcrowded they are as a result of unplanned pet pregnancy.

It is not acceptable to abandon puppies or kittens to farms or veterinary hospitals, but we still see it happen far too often.