**Neutering** is a surgical process that removes the reproductive organs of an animal, either completely or to a large extent.

**Spaying** is also neutering, but this term is used specifically in the context of females and female reproductive organs.

Fun fact: Spaying reduces the risk of ovarian cancer in female pets.

What happens when my pet goes in for surgery?

Their reproductive organs are blocked off or removed so they can no longer have babies, or reproduce.

<u>Will my pets personality change?</u> No, there is no science to prove it will change.

Will my pet be more likely to run away if I dont get him/her fixed? Yes, pets in heat are more likely to run away to get with a neighbor's pet and reproduce.

How old does my pet need to be for the surgery?

For dogs the age is usually 6 months or older. Always check with your vet to be sure your pet is old enough for surgery.

<u>Where can I go for cheaper surgery?</u> Sometimes animal rescues and shelters in your area will offer low cost spay & neuter.

Did you know that a single dog can have anywhere from 1-15 puppies in a litter? But it usually averages to 3-8.

Did you know that Dogs can go into heat 2 times per year?

Did you know dogs can have 2 litters per year?

After 1 year you could go from 2 dogs to 32 dogs.

Did you know that a single cat can have anywhere from 1-19 kittens a litter? But it usually averages to 1-9.

Did you know heat cycles in cats last from several days to two weeks or longer and repeat every two to three weeks?

Did you know cats can have 3 litters in one year?

After 1 year you could go from 2 cats to 59 cats.

Did you know a single rabbit can have anywhere from 1-14 number of babies in a litter?

Did you know rabbits go into heat at age 4-6 months and are never out of heat, just lower and higher levels?

Did you know rabbits can have up to 13 litters in a year?

After 1 year you could go from 2 rabbits to 184 rabbits.