

PET RESOURCE INFORMATION



WHY SPAY & NEUTER?

Not only does spay/neutering your pet helps prevent costly unwanted litters, but it also provides a variety of behavior and health benefits!

- Decreases **animal homelessness**
- Protects pets against some serious **health problems**
- Reduces **behavioral problems** associated with the mating instinct
- Eliminates **heat cycles** in females
- Reduces the **breeding instinct** in males, so they are less likely to **run away**
- Prolongs your **pet's life**
- The procedure has no effect on a pet's intelligence or ability to learn or play. Some pets tend to be **better behaved** following surgical removal of their ovaries or testes, making them more desirable companions!



KEEP UP WITH YOUR PET'S HEALTH

Our four-legged family members require annual check-ups to ensure they are healthy and happy.

DOGS

- Bordetella – Protects against kennel cough – 1 x year
- DHPP – Protects against Distemper, Parainfluenza, & Parvovirus – 1 x year
- Rabies – Protects against rabies virus – 1x year
- **Puppies under 12 weeks of age will need a series of vaccinations to ensure they are protected from several viruses*

CATS

- FVRCP – Protects against feline herpes and other viruses – 1 x year
- FeLV – Protects against feline leukemia virus – 1 x year
- Rabies - Protects against rabies virus – 1x year
- **Kittens under 12 weeks of age will need a series of vaccinations to ensure they are protected from several viruses*



WHAT IS A MICROCHIP?

Microchips is a tiny chip, smaller than a grain of rice that help ensure your pet is returned home to you if they are ever lost!

- **How do they work?** Every microchip has a unique code linked to your contact information. Animal shelters and veterinary clinics have scanners that allow the chip to be read and can contact you right away if we find your pet!
- **Do they have GPS?** NO. A microchip does not have any trackable devices.
- **How do I ensure I get a call?** You will need to contact the microchip company to confirm the microchip is registered and up to date with your information.
- **How do I know if my pet has a microchip?** Your local vet can scan the pet and confirm if a microchip has already been inserted. If you adopted your pet from a shelter/rescue, contact them for registration instructions.
- **Does implanting a microchip hurt?** No, they are inserted just like any other vaccinations and can be done at your pet's next vet visit. They are usually placed on your pet's back in between their shoulder blades.

HEALTHY HEART - HEALTHY PET!



Heart affected by fatal heartworms - an easily preventable parasite

In addition to vaccinations, our dogs must receive heartworm prevention. Not only are mosquitos in Houston bothersome for humans, but they can also carry heartworms which live in the heart, lungs, and blood vessels of our beloved pets.



- **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER** - A quick and simple blood test can determine if your pet has heartworms.
- **PREVENTION IS KEY** - Visit your local low-cost vet clinic to find the protection that works best for your family.
- **TREATMENT IS LIFE-SAVING** - While prevention is the most cost effective, if your pet is positive for heartworms, there are variety of clinics that provide treatment at a low-cost. It's important to tackle the heartworms quickly as being left untreated can lead to lung disease, organ damage, heart failure, and death.

FREE/LOW-COST LOCAL CLINICS

The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is far less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. Some low-cost options to spay/neuter your pets. You can receive high quality vet care for your pet at a low cost at these following clinics:

- **EMANCIPET**
 - www.Emancipet.org
 - Low-cost spay/neuter surgery
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **SNAP**
 - www.snapus.org
 - Low-cost spay/neuter surgery
- **Harris County Pets Resource Center**
 - www.countypets.com
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **Houston Humane Society**
 - www.HoustonHumane.org
 - Low-cost spay/neuter surgery
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **BARC**
 - www.houstontx.gov/barc/
 - Free and low-cost spay/neuter surgery
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **CAP**
 - www.cap4pets.org/
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **Pearland Canine Resource Center**
 - www.pearlandcanineresourcecenter.com
 - Low-cost spay/neuter surgery
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **KAAWS Clinic**
 - www.kaawsclinic.com/
 - Low-cost spay/neuter surgery
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **Texas Litter Control**
 - www.texaslittercontrol.org/
 - Low-cost spay/neuter surgery
 - Vaccinations and preventative services
- **Laurel's House**
 - www.laurelshouse.org
 - Free spay/neuter surgery if qualified

PET FOOD ASSISTANCE

The love we have for our pets is priceless. We understand some pet owners face hardships and additional assistance is needed to fill those pet bowls. These local organizations can provide supplemental pet food to ensure they receive the nutrition and support they need.

- **Friends for Life**
 - www.Friends4Life.org
 - "Thinking outside the Shelter" program provides pet food and veterinary care for approved families
- **Houston Humane Society**
 - www.HoustonHumane.org
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