

No More Unwanted Pets!

Wouldn't it be great if every pet in the country had a loving home? Each year, thousands of pet shelters and rescue groups across the country take in millions of unwanted cats and dogs. The Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in West Palm Beach, Florida has taken in thousands of pets and has spayed and neutered over 130,000 cats and dogs since 1974. Last year alone, the Animal Rescue League performed over 5000 surgeries, most provided to the community at low-cost in on-going efforts to reduce pet overpopulation. And there's much more work to be done.

When you have your pet spayed or neutered, you are actually doing your pet a big favor. Spayed females have a reduce risk of several cancers, less of a desire to roam, and less attention from other dogs. Neutered males are less likely to mark their territory (including your living room!), have a reduced risk of testicular cancer and prostate disease, and are less likely to roam as well. In addition, neutered males are not as aggressive and can be much calmer pets. The bottom line: spaying or neutering your pet means having a healthier pet and having fewer unwanted litters running around.

Your pet isn't the only one who benefits from surgery—your community thanks you, too! Unwanted animals are becoming a very real concern in many places. Stray animals can become a public nuisance, soiling parks and streets, ruining shrubbery, frightening children and the elderly, creating noise and other disturbances, causing automobile accidents, and sometimes even killing livestock or other pets. Additionally, the capture and eventual destruction of unwanted animals costs taxpayers and private humanitarian agencies over a billion dollars each year. As a potential source of rabies and other less serious diseases, unwanted pets can be a public health hazard. Do everyone a favor—spay or neuter your pet!

For more ways you can help needy pets, log onto www.hspb.org for the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.