

Myths and Facts about Spay and Neuter

The best way to prevent pet overpopulation is to spay or neuter your animals.

Myth - My dog will get fat and lazy.

Fact - The only way your dog will get fat and lazy is if you do not provide enough exercise and feed him too much.

Myth – It's better for my dog to have one litter before I spay her.

Fact – Medical evidence has shown that a dog who is spayed before her first heat cycle or after having a litter of puppies is typically healthier than dogs spayed after the first heat cycle or after having a litter of puppies.

Myth - Children should experience the miracle of birth.

Fact – The likelihood of a child actually seeing a dog give birth is slim. Most births occur at night and in a secluded area. The only lesson the child learns is that dogs can be created and discarded as humans see fit.

Myth – My dog is a purebred.

Fact – At least one out of every four dogs turned into animal shelters around the country are purebreds.

Myth – My dog will not be protective if I neuter him.

Fact – A dog's natural instinct to protect his home and family is not affected by spaying or neutering. A dog's personality owes much more to genetics and environment than sex hormones.

Myth – I don't want my male dog to feel like less of a male.

Fact – Dogs have no concept of sexual identity or ego and neutering does not change a dog's basic personality. He doesn't suffer in any way when neutered.