

Dear pet lovers,

Every year millions of dogs and cats lose their lives due to one disturbing factor and it's one which has a cure at hand.

The epidemic is not caused by disease or sickness, but instead overpopulation.

The cure is quite simple – spaying or neutering.

Some myths of spaying or neutering such as it's expensive and it's not healthy for the animal are just that – myths.

In fact, spaying or neutering your pet gives them a much healthier life. Spaying a female cat or dog prevents Pyometra, a serious condition where the uterus gets infected. Breast cancer is another risk to your pet if they are not spayed. Breast cancer brings a 50-percent mortality rate in dogs and 90-percent in cats.

Spaying or neutering also lessens the risk of roaming and avoids females going into heat.

There are many other positives for bringing your pet in to get spayed or neutered, but the most obvious and most important one is it fights pet overpopulation. As litters upon litters are born as strays, the animal suffers out on their own. Some shelters do euthanize the animals if not adopted in a certain amount of time.

*There are very affordable options to spay/neuter your pet, you can just pick up the phone, call and ask.*

There are ongoing campaigns to publicize the importance of spaying or neutering your pets, such as purchasing a Florida Animal Friend License Plate, which helps fund free and low-cost surgeries.

Everyone loves their pets, but it doesn't stop by just babying your fur babies. Go a step further and save others by spaying or neutering your beloved pets and give them a longer and happier life.

Sincerely,

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