

Neutering (Orchiectomy)

A surgical procedure where both testicles are removed under general anesthesia.

Benefits

Most dogs and cats between 6 and 12 months of age are strongly recommended to be neutered as there are many benefits both for you and your pet.

- Neutering protects your pet from serious health issues in future, like certain types of cancers or infections. For example, neutering prevents testicular cancer and decreases your pet's risk of developing prostate disease.
- Neutering can decrease frustrating behaviors in males, such as aggression, marking or spraying. Your male dog or cat won't exhibit a breeding instinct that causes them to wander.
- Neutered animals are unable to successfully reproduce. Pet owners won't have to worry about surprise litters, which are expensive and often take intensive round-the-clock care both for you and your pet.
- Finally, you are doing your part in helping reduce the amount of unwanted puppies and kittens that may fill shelters or be euthanized.

Are there risks?

All surgical procedures carry some risk, but incidence of complications for neuters are very low. To further minimize risk, all pets are examined and receive pre-anesthetic bloodwork to determine they are healthy for their procedure. Diligent care and pain management of your pet as they recover at home is equally important.