



Neutering Your Pet

What does “neuter” mean?

The technical term is an orchietomy. It is the surgical removal of the testes (testicles) while under anesthesia. If the testes have descended, they are located outside of the abdomen and removal is relatively easy. If the testes have not descended, though, the doctor will have to find them, usually in the abdomen to find the testes for removal.

Why should you neuter your pet?

Health benefits

- Reduces the risk of three different types of cancer: testicular, prostate, and perianal adenocarcinoma
- Stops hereditary health issues from being passed on such as umbilical hernia, generalized demodex mange, or cryptorchidism (undescended testes)
- No unwanted litters

Behavior Benefits

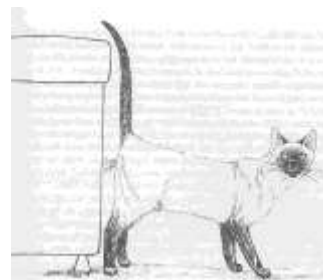
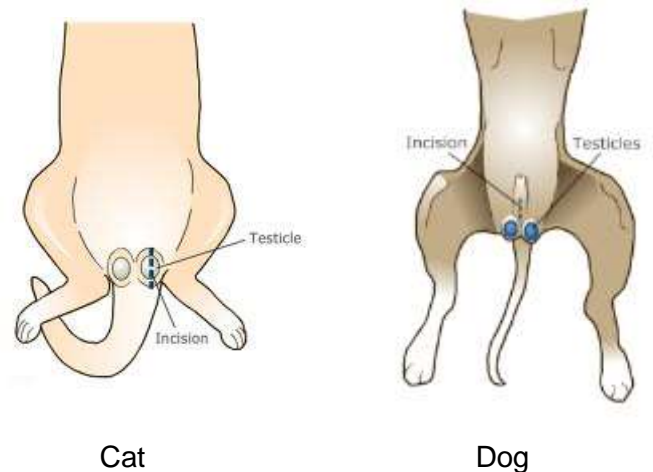
- Decreased marking in dogs
- Decreased spraying in cats
- Decreased roaming
- Decreased mounting in dogs
- Decreased aggression toward people
- Decreased aggression between animals

What are some of the risks of neuter?

Every surgery has risks associated with anesthesia. Healthy animals are less likely to have problems. Another possible risk for neutering includes an increased risk of obesity.

When should my pet be neutered?

Younger animals tend to recover quicker and with more ease. Ideally, neuter your pet between 4-6 months old. He must weigh at least two pounds.



Cat spraying