



YOUR CAT'S HEALTH, OUR PASSION • VOLUME 7, ISSUE 3 • MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

SPAYING OR NEUTERING HELPS KEEP YOUR CAT HAPPY—AND HEALTHY!

What do the words “spay” and “neuter” mean? They’re the surgical sterilization of an animal. For female pets, the procedure is called spaying; for males, it’s called neutering.

Spaying or neutering your feline family member is important for many reasons. First, it can help prevent inappropriate behavior patterns, such as urine spraying, roaming, and fighting. It’s also important for a number of health-related reasons, as spaying or neutering can help guard against mammary, testicular, ovarian, and uterine cancer. Unspayed female pets can also develop a serious condition called pyometra. Pyometra, an infection of the uterus, is extremely life-threatening. Treatment for pyometra typically requires extensive veterinary care, including surgery. Studies have also shown that spayed or neutered

cats have twice the average life expectancy as unspayed or unneutered cats.

Pet overpopulation is also important to consider. There are millions of homeless and unwanted animals in our country; this number can be decreased by spaying and neutering. According to Spay USA, two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 370,000 kittens in 7 years, and more than 2 million kittens in 8 years. It’s clear that spaying and neutering is critical for reducing animal overpopulation, decreasing the number of otherwise healthy animals who are euthanized in our country’s shelters each year.

At the Sacramento Cat Hospital, we recommend that you spay or neuter your kitty between the ages of 6 and 8 months. If you share your home with unaltered felines, please speak with one of our doctors for more information about these procedures or to schedule your kitty’s appointment. And don’t miss our great special offer below!



WEEKLY VACCINATION CLINIC

As part of a comprehensive wellness program, your veterinarian may recommend annual vaccines for your kitty to help prevent against illnesses such as rabies, feline distemper, and feline leukemia.

Every Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., the Sacramento Cat Hospital holds a walk-in vaccination clinic. No appointment is necessary; just drop by with your kitty. (To attend the clinic, your kitty must have received a wellness exam at the Sacramento Cat Hospital within the past 12 months.)

The Sacramento Cat Hospital uses only non-adjuvanted vaccines. Many vaccines are adjuvanted, meaning they contain an additive designed to help a cat absorb the vaccine. Unfortunately, adjuvanted vaccines have been shown to cause inflammation or even cancerous tumors at the injection site.

For more information about our vaccination clinic and our non-adjuvanted vaccines, please speak with one of our team members or request a copy of our vaccination clinic handout. (Visit our website to download a PDF of the handout.)

MARCH SPECIAL OFFERS FOR OUR READERS

Through March 31, receive a \$10 discount on all neutering procedures, and a \$20 discount on all spay procedures.

Please call us at (916) 488-4161 or stop by our front desk for more information or to make your appointment.

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