

Fixing your pet

It is always a good idea to fix your pet. Fixing for female pets is called spaying, fixing for male pets is called neutering. Spaying and neutering make your pet unable to have babies.

In the metro Atlanta area, many thousands of dogs and cats are killed every year because there are not enough homes for them. Many of these pets were from unwanted litters, because their owners did not have their mothers and fathers fixed.

Because there are so many homeless pets, it is not a good idea to breed your pet to have puppies in order to sell them. Many people have found that they cannot make money doing this and end up turning in the puppies to the animal shelter (pound). Also, the mother or puppies can have health problems that are very expensive to treat.

Spaying and neutering also helps your pet behave better. Fixed pets are much less likely to run away, to get in fights, or to bite people. Fixing your pet will not cause them to get fat or lazy. It also means you will not have to worry about having unwanted puppies or kittens.

Cats can start to have babies when they are four months old, and dogs can have puppies when they are six months old. It is important to spay and neuter your kittens and puppies before they are old enough to have babies. Brothers and sisters from the same litter will also have babies together.

For more information on spaying and neutering, you can visit www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/spayneuter-your-pet

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