

Low Cost Spay and Neuter Options in Utah

Best Friends Low Income Assistance Voucher Program – email fixutah@bestfriends.org or go to www.utahpets.org/nmhcms/BestFriendsUtahHome/SpayNeuter/LowIncomeAssistance

Best Friends Spay & Neuter Assistance – 1-866-PETS-FIX (1-866-738-7349)
Low cost spay and neuter program in Utah County.

Salt Lake County Animal Services – 385-468-6016 or 385-468-6051 – call to make an appointment
Utah FACES program – low cost or free spay/neuter program for low income Salt Lake County Jurisdiction residents

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary – 435-644-3965 ext 4210
Low cost spay and neuter surgeries in Kanab (southern Utah) for all types of animals.

Cache Humane Society – 435-792-3920
S.N.I.P. (Spay Neuter Intervention Program) offers low cost spay/neuter surgeries in Cache County

Carbon County Humane Society – 435-637-0588
Clinic operates 1 day per month in Price. Please call for dates and times.

Healing Hearts Animal Hospital – 801-281-3900
Low cost spay/neuter in Salt Lake City

Heartsong Spay/Neuter Clinic – 801-614-5252
Affordable and convenient spay/neuter in Clearfield

Humane Society of Moab Valley – 435-259-4862
S.N.I.P. (Spay Neuter Incentive Program) provides discounted spay/neuter surgeries to pet owners in the Moab Valley year-round.

Humane Society of Utah – 801-261-2919 ext 230
Low cost spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations for the entire community. Located in Salt Lake City

One More Chance Animal Rescue – 435-619-4712
Low cost quarterly spay/neuter clinic for cats in St. George. Call for pre-registration information.

PAWS – 435-688-9748
Low cost spay/neuter clinic for dogs in St. George. Call for pre-registration information.

Orchard Animal Clinic – 801-886-1770
Low cost spay/neuter, vaccine clinics and affordable treatment options in Salt Lake City. Feral cat friendly

Best Friends Spay and Neuter Clinic of Orem – 801-404-5999
Low cost spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations. Located in Orem

Spay & Neuter of Salt Lake – 801-262-6414
Low cost spay and neuter surgeries. Located in Murray

Fixed pets are easier to care for, have fewer health problems, and you don't have to worry about finding homes for babies! Fixing your pet is better for you, better for your pet, and better for the community!

DON'T SHOP! ADOPT!



Get the Facts about Spaying and Neutering your pets!

What is spaying and neutering?

The words “spay” and “neuter” refer to the surgical sterilization of female and male pets, respectively, by removing reproductive organs. Both operations are conducted routinely with few complications and may only be performed by licensed veterinarians. Spaying and neutering your pet directly impacts the number of pets who are euthanized every day by reducing the number of pets entering shelters and freeing up homes for homeless pets.

What are the health benefits of spaying or neutering?

Spaying and neutering pets leads to longer and healthier lives. In females, it eliminates the risk of ovarian and uterine infections and cancer. It also reduces the chances of mammary cancer. In males, it eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the chances of prostate disease.

Will my pet’s behavior change?

Spaying or neutering is unlikely to change temperament, basic personality, or levels of playfulness and general activity. Some behavioral issues such as mounting, howling, spraying urine, and the urge to roam are often reduced following surgery. In female pets, the inconvenient “heat” cycle, with its messy discharge, is eliminated. Male cats sometimes become mellower following neutering. Your pet will continue to interact with your family in the same manner as he or she did before surgery.

How early can my pet be spayed or neutered, and is it safe?

Cats and dogs as young as eight weeks of age who weigh at least two pounds can be spayed or neutered safely. You can wait until they are a little older, but studies have shown that cats altered at less than six months of age do not have an increased risk of physical or behavioral problems, as compared to those who undergo surgery later. Studies have also recommended that male dogs be neutered before six to eight months of age. For female dogs, the surgery should ideally be performed before their first heat cycle. If you have questions about the timing, talk with a veterinarian.

Is spaying or neutering painful?

To minimize pain and discomfort, both spaying and neutering are conducted while your pet is under general anesthesia. Following surgery, your veterinarian will instruct you on how to care for your pet while he or she is recovering. Most pets are back to normal within a few days. The surgery site usually heals within two weeks, and any stitches are removed at a follow-up appointment with your vet. Some veterinarians even use absorbable sutures that will dissolve on their own.

Will my pet gain weight after surgery?

Neutered males and spayed females may have a tendency to gain weight due to a decrease in roaming and other sexual behavior. But the primary cause of weight gain is too much food and lack of exercise. Proper dietary management and sufficient exercise can prevent weight gain in pets — whether or not they are spayed or neutered.

Can my female cat or dog be spayed while she is in heat?

Yes, a cat or dog that is in heat can be spayed. The pet’s size, age and overall health should also be taken into consideration. Many veterinarians regularly fix cats in heat without complications and believe the benefits to your pet and the benefits to society outweigh the risk. If you have questions, talk with your vet.

Can I have my pet spayed when she's pregnant?

Yes, this is a common practice. It’s best to consult with your veterinarian before deciding what’s best for your pet.

Can my male pet be fixed if his testicles haven’t fully descended?

Yes, in fact, neutering is very important for your pet’s overall health. Undescended testicles are at increased risk of growing tumors. They are also very prone to infections and even life-threatening inflammation.

Should my female have at least one litter before being spayed?

No, there is no physiological benefit to having a litter before spaying your pet and many reasons not to wait: thousands of dogs and cats are killed in America’s shelters each year simply because they don’t have homes. You can prevent more by spaying your pet before she is old enough to become pregnant.

There are low cost spay and neuter options near you!

