

Benefits of Spaying a Female

Spaying your female cat will prevent unwanted litters. If your cat gives birth, you are the one faced with the expense of caring for the litter and the task of finding new homes for the kittens.

Here are some added benefits to spaying your female cat:

- ❖ Prevent tumors and infections of the ovaries and uterus.
- ❖ Greatly decrease the risk for mammary cancer.

Spaying a cat before she goes into her first heat is best, but even spaying at a later age will dramatically decrease the risk of mammary cancer.

Avoid the hassle of a female cat in heat.

- ❖ Cats in heat can be very vocal and will attract a great many male cats.
- ❖ If you think you can wait out the heat cycle, you're in for a surprise.
- ❖ If the cat does not mate, she will keep going into heat every few weeks.



Benefits of Neutering a Male

The benefits of spaying a male are so significant, that it is possible to say that an unaltered male cat may not make a good house pet.

Here are some reasons, other than helping to fight the cat overpopulation crisis, which may convince you to neuter your male cat:

- ❖ **Prevent spraying.**
Unaltered males spray foul-smelling urine around their territory. Neutering a male cat before he reaches sexual maturity, almost always prevents this behavior pattern from emerging. If a cat has already taken to spraying, neutering is still likely to stop or at least significantly reduce the habit. The urine of a neutered cat is also less smelly.
- ❖ **Prevent roaming.**
Unaltered males tend to roam long distances. This means they are often away from home, sometimes for days on end. Roaming puts these cats in danger, as they are more likely to be hit by a car, poisoned, or hurt by dogs and people.
- ❖ **Prevent injuries and disease.**
Unaltered males tend to get into fights over females and territory. This means they may get injured and are more likely to be infected with disease. By the way, this also means that it is virtually impossible to keep two or more unaltered male cats together.