



SPAY/NEUTER

HEALTH & COMMUNITY BENEFITS

6.3 MILLION UNWANTED ANIMALS END UP IN SHELTERS EACH YEAR



Reduce
Aggression



Decrease
Overpopulation



Lower Risk
of Cancer



Reduce
Roaming

1 female cat and her offspring can produce **370,000** kittens in just 7 years

1 female dog and her offspring can produce **67,000** puppies in just 6 years

HEALTH BENEFITS:

Females: Spaying prevents uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50% of dogs and 90% of cats.

Males: Neutering prevents testicular cancer and some prostate problems.

OTHER BENEFITS:

Spayed females will not go into heat. Felines do not typically bleed while in heat, canines do. Felines in heat tend to yowl and urinate more frequently, sometimes outside of their litter boxes. Neutered males are much less likely to run away from home because of changes in their hormone levels. Neutering has also been shown to reduce behavioral issues.



For information about the Virginia Beach SPCA low-cost spay and neuter services visit, vbspca.com/spay-neuter-services.