



Vets Love Pets!



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In this June edition of our monthly information sheet we are again highlighting the benefits of why pet owners should spay or neuter their pets. Spayed and neutered pets have TWICE the average life expectancy of those pets who have not been spayed or neutered, partly due to the much lower chance of suffering from breast, uterine, prostate and testicular cancers. We hope the following information will give you further insight into some of the benefits of these procedures.

Spaying

Spaying is the term commonly used for an "ovariohysterectomy" which is the surgical removal of the entire reproductive system including the uterus and ovaries of a female cat or dog. This procedure is usually performed on a pet which is approximately 6 months old.

The benefits of spaying your pet:

- Female dogs run an increased risk of life-threatening medical problems later on in life if they are not spayed. For example, there is an alarmingly high risk of contracting uterine infections in older females that are not spayed. These infections are often life threatening and, in many cases, the treatment of choice is surgical removal of the uterus.
- Spaying a dog before her first heat greatly reduces the risk of mammary tumors (breast cancer). The chances of mammary tumors in female dogs increases significantly with each successive heat period until the age of two years.
- Spaying will help eliminate the problems associated with heat cycles such as the bloody discharge from the vulva which can persist for 2 - 3 weeks during each heat period and which can result in bloodstains around the house.
- Spaying will prevent pregnancy.
- You won't have to listen to the sounds of your female in heat, trying to get out and find a mate. In cats, the excessive vocalization and behavior associated with heats is also avoided if spaying is done.
- Prevents unwanted males from trying to seek out your female pet in heat.
- Spaying reduces the urge to roam making it less likely that you will lose your pet which, in turn, decreases the risk of them contracting a disease, getting in a fight, getting injured or stolen.
- If not mated, female dogs may experience "false pregnancy", a condition wherein they behave as if pregnant, complete with whining, restlessness and lactation.



Neutering

Neutering is the surgical sterilization of a male animal by removing the testicles, and is also known as castration. It is generally best to wait until he is about 6 months old before being neutered as soon after they will become sexually mature and this brings the risk of territorial marking.

The benefits of neutering your pet:

- Neutering reduces the risk of prostate cancer and prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate).
- Reduces the risk of hormone related diseases such as perianal adenoma (tumor on the anal gland).
- Eliminates the risk of testicular cancer, the second most common cancer in intact dogs.
- Removes sexual urges which usually decreases roaming behaviors. This makes it less likely that you will lose your pet, which reduces the chances of them contracting a disease, getting in a fight, getting injured or stolen.
- Reduces certain types of aggression, the urge to fight, excessive barking, howling and other unwanted behavior.
- In cats neutering stops or reduces marking behavior (territorial spraying of urine)



Dispelling the Myths

Having your pet spayed or neutered will not make them gain weight or become lazy. Obesity in pets is usually the result of overeating and a lack of exercise.

Neutering does not cause a change in guarding instincts, intelligence, playfulness or affection.



If you are considering having your pet spayed or neutered, our veterinary health care team are on hand to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the procedure and after care.



Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital launches NEW WEBSITE

The staff are very pleased to announce the launch of our brand new website:

www.tudorglenvethospital.ca

Please take a look, there is lots of information and fun stuff too!
You can even read the staff biographies to see what we are up to when we're not working!



Edmonton Humane Society Dog Jog

Sunday June 22, 11am at Hawrelak Park



The Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital invites you, your family, friends **AND** pets to join us for the 16th annual SPCA Dog Jog which takes place on Sunday June 22 at 11am in Hawrelak Park. We will be walking as a group and would love for you to join us. If you would like more information on this event, or even to sponsor us if you can't attend, then please ask any member of our staff.

Additional information is also available at:
www.edmontonhumanesociety.com

Complimentary Dental Consultations



Due to the success of our recent dental month campaign, Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital is once again pleased to offer complimentary dental consultations. The consultation will include an oral exam, a demonstration on how to brush your pet's teeth, a discussion on nutrition and a bag of dental food. We do not charge for these consultations - it's our way of promoting pet dental awareness. To book a complimentary consultation, please talk to one of our veterinary health care team at: **458-6051**.

Brain Teasers

Dr Wilde was asked one day how many dogs she had. "Well," she said, "they just walked down that path and I didn't actually count them, but I remember one dog in front of two dogs, another dog behind two dogs, and another dog between two dogs." How many dogs does Dr. Wilde have?

Brain Teaser Answer: Three, they were walking in single file.

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