

## Pet Overpopulation The Statistics are Staggering

- 575 homeless animals are killed every hour in the U.S. More than three million animals die each year as a result of pet overpopulation — whether in a shelter or by injury, disease or neglect.
- The cost to capture, house, feed and euthanize homeless animals poses a significant burden to the taxpayer. More spays and neuters means less reproduction and fewer animals entering shelters, which translates directly into taxpayer savings.

### There Aren't Enough Homes

- Spay/neuter directly impacts the millions of animals that lose their lives each year in shelters and on our streets.
- Thousands of kittens and puppies are born every hour in the U.S. While these baby animals are adorable, the fate of most of them is tragic.
- Spaying or neutering our pets is the most effective way to reduce the vast numbers of animals who are born only to die prematurely without a family to love them.
- The litter your pet reproduces takes a home away from another animal that will be killed because there are not enough homes.



**REMEMBER**  
**NO eligibility requirements for feral, free roaming or barn cats!**

**Funding available to Help Pit Bull and Pit Bull Mixes**

**For Feral Cat Clinics and a Humane Trap.**  
**Call: Feral Cat Call FOCUS**  
**1-888-902-9717**

**PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE  
OUR MISSION TO END  
PET OVERPOPULATION WITH  
YOUR DONATION**

**Sterilization Surgeries performed  
From July 2008 to Nov 2024**

**Owned Cat Sterilizations 75,741**

**Feral free Roaming Cats 37,436**

**Owned and Rescue Dogs 20,702**

**133,879**



Tax Exempt Status: As defined by IRS Section 501(c)(3). Pursuant to Article 7-A of NYS Executive Law 174-8. A copy of our latest annual report may be obtained upon request from us or from the Office of Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, NY, NY 10271.

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**A NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
DEDICATED TO REDUCING  
THE SUFFERING AND  
EUTHANASIA OF  
COMPANION ANIMALS IN  
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***Providing Education  
and  
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## **Operation PETS**

### **The Spay/Neuter Clinic of WNY**

Operation PETS was established to help address the problem of pet overpopulation in Western New York. Our mission is not simply to reduce companion animal overpopulation, it is to end it. Only by spaying and neutering will we get a handle on pet overpopulation and end the euthanasia of thousands of unwanted animals in our communities each year.

Operation PETS is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization funded by grants, private donations and community support.

Operation PETS specializes in spay/neuter surgery. We do not provide full-service veterinary care. We recommend that pet owners establish a relationship with a full-service veterinary clinic for annual wellness services or care for sick or injured animals.

We provide high quality, high volume, and affordable sterilization services for:

- Income qualified pet owners that meet our eligibility requirements
- Rescue/adoption organizations & shelters
- College students
- Feral cats with educated caregivers

Our services are provided at a greatly reduced price to pet owners that meet our income eligibility requirements. We also serve rescue and adoption groups, shelters and feral cats. A variety of programs are available. Please call us or visit our website for more information on our eligibility requirements and services.

Operation PETS provides community education to help people realize the importance of companion animal sterilization. We are a member of and are supported by the Animal Alliance of WNY.

## **What Is Spay/Neuter?**

The word "spay" refers to the sterilization of female pets. The term "neuter", while more commonly used to refer to the castration of male pets, can be used to describe the sterilization of either female or male pets. Spaying or neutering are medical procedures that not only help control pet overpopulation, but they may also prevent medical and behavioral problems from developing, allowing your pet to lead a longer, healthier, happier life.

### **Benefits Of Spay/Neuter**

#### **Healthy Pets**

Spay/neuter generally improves your pet's health, reducing or eliminating the risk of certain cancers and diseases. It has been shown that sterilized animals may live longer than those who are intact.

Neutering a male dog drastically decreases the occurrence of prostate enlargement and eliminates the risk of testicular cancer. Spaying both cats and dogs significantly reduces the chance of breast cancer and eliminates the opportunity for uterine infections or tumors.

Spay/neuter may reduce or eliminate spraying in cats and marking in dogs, yowling/howling in cats, and other troublesome behaviors.

#### **Healthy Communities**

Spay/neuter has a direct impact on the incidence of dog bites in a community. Neutered dogs are three times less likely to bite than intact dogs. Reducing your pet's likelihood of biting or fighting may help protect you from potential legal action. Spayed or neutered animals may be less likely to engage in behaviors that could cause problems with neighbors.

## **Operation PETS**

### **Serves Cats & Dogs**

Although we are a high-volume clinic the patient's welfare comes first. Our veterinary staff is highly skilled and experienced in spay/neuter surgeries. We have the highest regard for the animals in our care and treat each animal as if it was one of ours.



#### **CATS RECEIVE**

- A physical exam
- Spay or neuter
- Vaccinations for rabies & FVRCP (distemper)
- Flea control and worming available

#### **DOGS RECEIVE**

- A physical exam
- Spay or neuter
- Vaccinations for rabies & DA2PPV (Parvo)
- Flea control and worming available

### **Operation PETS Welcomes**

#### **Feral Cats for Sterilization**

Operation PETS works with local residents and organizations to sterilize ferals through Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR). TNVR is widely regarded as the most successful and humane method to reduce the feral cat population. If you are educated in feral trapping and colony management call us for an appointment. If you are not experienced with feral cats call Feral Cat FOCUS for guidance on colony management, trapping tips, providing shelter, etc.

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