



The Washington County SPCA believes dogs and cats play an important role in their caretakers lives. We realize by helping animals, we are really helping the entire community. You can make a huge impact by supporting one of our spay/neuter programs:

- **Green Country Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (GCSNAP)** generously funded by Dr. Scott Cochran, offers low-cost spay/neuter services for dogs and cats to qualifying applicants. The applications are processed on a priority basis. Each applicant must pay a fee for the certificate at the time of issuance. The certificates may be used at participating veterinary clinics and are available at the Washington County SPCA. For more information, call (918) 336-1577.
- **Washington County SPCA Spay Program** offers \$59 coupons for spay surgeries done at the Dewey Veterinary clinic. This program is open to anyone but is limited to dogs and cats under 55 pounds. For more information, call (918) 336-1577.
- **ARF – Animal Rescue Foundation** provides discount coupons to the public as an incentive for pet owners to spay/ neuter their pets. The discount coupons have been issued to veterinarians on a limited basis in Bartlesville and the surrounding area. Please check with your veterinarian for the possibility of receiving a \$25 discount toward your animal's spay or neuter.
- **Spay Oklahoma Clinic** in Tulsa is a low-income program. Cats \$30 (includes a rabies shot), Kittens \$20 (5 months old and under), Dogs \$40 (includes a rabies shot), Puppies \$30 (5 months and under) Call SpayOK for an intake form at (918) 728-3144. The intake form is also available online at www.spayok.com/images/spayform.pdf
- **Alley Cat Alliance** serves our community through orchestrating Trap-Neuter-Return and supports the efforts of citizens humanely caring for cats. Certificates are purchased at the Washington County SPCA. The fee covers the cost of spay/neuter surgery at participating veterinary clinics.



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PROVIDE A HOME

...Not a Litter



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Spay/ Neuter Your Pets



The Washington County SPCA
Serving our community since 1965

AUGUST: AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT WCSPCA.
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Pet overpopulation is a problem **YOU** can help solve.

Every year animal shelters are flooded with unwanted pets. Each year our shelter cares for more than 2,700 abandoned or surrendered animals. As a member of our community, you can help this problem in many ways. The first is by making the responsible choice to spay/neuter your pets. While becoming a part of the solution to pet overpopulation, you will also improve the lives of countless animals, including your own.

FACTS

Spayed/neutered animals live longer and healthier lives. It is recommended that animals be spayed/neutered as early as possible. This can be done as soon as the pet weighs two pounds and is two months of age. Neutering a male dog or cat prior to 6 months of age prevents testicular cancer and prostate disease. Spaying a female helps prevent pyometra and breast cancer. Spaying your pet before her first heat cycle offers the best protection from these diseases and additionally prevents unwanted litters. Sterilized pets averaged a life span that is two to three years longer than those left intact.

Spayed/neutered animals are more content and affectionate companions. Dogs and cats who have been sterilized show fewer behavior problems and are less likely to mark territory, spray, wander from home or show aggression.

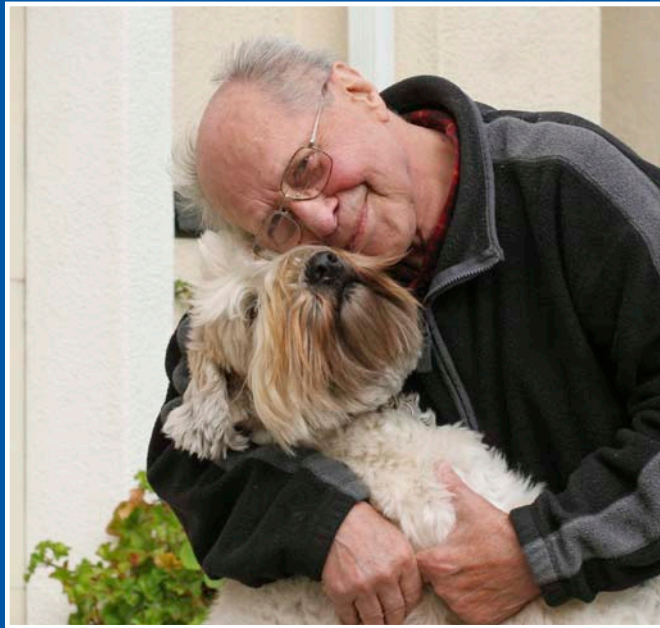
COMMON MYTHS

It costs too much money. Of course, the cost varies from one vet to another. In our community the approximate cost is \$38–138 for cats and \$59–180 for dogs. This is a onetime cost and a bargain compared to the cost of caring for litters of puppies or kittens. If money is an issue, our shelter can help direct you to a low cost spay/neuter program that is right for you. Please contact us for more information at (918) 336-1577.

I want my children to have the experience of caring for puppies or kittens. Contact our shelter or other rescue group and ask if you can sign up as a foster home for expectant/new mothers or abandoned litters. Your children can then play an invaluable role in fostering the litter and preparing them for adoption.

It is healthier for my pet to have one litter. Research indicates just the opposite. The evidence shows that females spayed prior to their first heat cycle are typically healthier. Cats can go into heat and get pregnant as early as five months of age, so the earlier the procedure is done, the better.

Spaying/Neutering will make my pet fat. Like people, animals become overweight when they eat too much and exercise too little. Keep your pet on a healthy diet with plenty of exercise and they will be happy and healthy



HEIDI, ADOPTED 2009. PHOTO © SHERRY L. STINSON

Do the math...

Allow two cats and their offspring to breed for 10 years and you will produce 80,399,780 cats. This is assuming only two litters per year and 2.8 surviving kittens per litter. Many of these offspring end up dying because there just aren't enough homes for them all. Consider the following:

Year 1:	12	Year 6:	73,041
Year 2:	66	Year 7:	420,715
Year 3:	382	Year 8:	2,423,316
Year 4:	2,201	Year 9:	13,968,290
Year 5:	12,680	Year 10:	80,399,780