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CONTACT THE TRANSYLVANIA
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT FOTAS
SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS

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FOTAS

Friends of the Animals

*Improving the Lives of
Animals in Transylvania County*

Friends of the Animal Shelter Inc.
P.O. Box 1425
Brevard, N.C.



Do your part and neuter your pet

The Transylvania County Animal Shelter encourages everyone to spay and neuter their cats and dogs. The operation is easy, painless, and can be done by your vet, or at Noah's ARC (884-6600).

Community Benefits

Unwanted dogs and cats are a public health concern. Stray animals can become a nuisance by soiling parks and streets, frightening children and elderly people, barking, causing car accidents, and even killing livestock or other pets. They can also be a potential source of rabies or other diseases.

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Benefits of Spaying (females)

Eliminates the mess of females in heat – and male dogs hanging around

Eliminates uterine cancer and greatly reduces life-threatening mammary tumors

The result? Better tempered, healthier dogs!

Benefits of Neutering (males)

Reduces or eliminates the annoyance of spraying and marking

Eliminates the risk of testicular cancer and reduces the likelihood of prostate disease and rectal tumors

The result: Less aggressive, healthier dogs who do not spray urine!

Additional Benefits

Dogs and Cats live longer, healthier lives - 1 to 3 years for cats and 3 to 5 years for dogs

They have less desire to roam and fight, and are less likely to be run over or spread disease

They're less aggressive and less likely to bite

There are fewer unwanted cats/kittens/dogs/puppies .



Myths about Spay-Neuter

Myth: Female dogs and cats require at least one litter to be healthy and happy.

Fact: Having a dog or cat spayed before their first heat is the healthy choice. Uterine infections, ovarian cancer cannot occur in spayed females and mammary tumors are extremely rare.

Myth: A female dog or cat can't get pregnant before their first heat cycle.

Fact: Pregnancy on the first heat cycle is almost guaranteed if an unneutered male has access.

Myth: Neutering a male will strip him of his "male-ness".

Fact: Dogs and cats don't have such a concept. Neutered pets are less aggressive and have fewer tendencies to roam or mark with urine. The result is a happier, mellower, and better-smelling pet.

Myth: The spay or neuter procedure will make my pet fat and lazy.

Fact: Altering a pet has nothing to do with being overweight or lazy. Obesity is due to eating more calories than are being used, and laziness is the result of insufficient exercise.

Myth: Spay-neuter surgeries are expensive.

Fact: Animal clinics such as Noah's ARC receive grants that let them offer low cost operations.

Myth: My children would benefit from seeing the birthing process.

Fact: The birthing process may be exciting for your children, but it's a huge responsibility to care for the babies, provide food and medical care, and ensure they are placed in good homes.

Myth: The surgery is dangerous and/or painful.

Fact: The most common surgery in veterinary medicine is the spay/neuter procedure. Most pets go home the same day and the pain medication used keeps them comfortable. Complications are rare, especially when the owner follows the post-surgical care guidelines when the animal is sent home following surgery.

OUR COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO EUTHANIZE FEWER ANIMALS THANKS TO A SUCCESSFUL SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM!