### STERILISE YOUR PET

A single female cat (with all her female offspring reproducing freely as they mature) can be the source of thousands of new lives over the course of several years.

As a responsible pet owner, you can do something to stop this cycle. Sterilise your dog or cat. Tell other pet owners to do the same. Please help reduce Singapore's stray and unwanted pet population.



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## WHY YOUR PET

Pet ownership in Singapore is more popular than ever, but each year, the SPCA receives over 4000 unwanted animals including many abandoned pets. Tragically, some of them have to be put down. Many were part of the surplus because their owners had permitted them to breed.

So what can you do to help reduce the number of unwanted animals? It's simple. Sterilise your pet and encourage other pet owners to do the same. Sterilisation has other benefits:

- Unsterilised cats and dogs often suffer from cancer of the reproductive organs, testicular tumours, peri-anal tumours, prostate tumours, ovarian tumours, mammary tumours and chronic uterine infections such as pyometra and metritis. Sterilised animals have reduced chances of getting these ailments.
- Sterilised pets are quieter, less aggressive and have fewer behavioural problems such as urinating or spraying on carpets and furniture.



## WHAT EXACTLY IS STERILISATION?

It is a surgical operation to remove the animal's reproductive organs to prevent it from producing offspring.

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#### IS IT PAINFUL?

The procedure is performed under general anaesthetic, so the animal feels no pain. There may be slight discomfort afterwards, but it is soon over, and your pet's chances of a healthy life are enhanced.

### ISN'T IT CRUEL OR UNNATURAL TO HAVE MY CAT OR DOG STERILISED?

It's even more cruel to deny unsterilised animals normal mating. And if you allow them to mate, you're contributing to the problem of unwanted animals in Singapore. Sexually frustrated animals become restless and call out constantly. A sterilised animal will be a calmer and easier pet to look after.

Sexual frustration can cause your unsterilised pet to roam in search of a mate starting a chain of other problems - such as fighting with other animals, getting hit by cars or catching contagious diseases. Frustration does not help your pet's mental health either.

#### **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE COST?**

If you're concerned about the one-time cost of the operation, think of it as a lifetime investment for the benefit of your pet's health. You'll also save money on the dog licence fee - the fee for sterilised males and females is cheaper.