

Spaying or Neutering Your Pet

The employees at Gwinnett County Animal Welfare & Enforcement urge you to have your pet spayed or neutered. It is the single most important thing you can do to care for your pet and reduce the suffering so many animals endure.

Each year people drop off unwanted animals at the Shelter or we impound them. These animals may have been someone's pet that wandered off, a pet abandoned by its owner or ones that have simply never had a home. Those animals that have not been spayed or neutered will reproduce; it's their natural instinct and results in pet overpopulation. Think it's not a problem here? It is! There are thousands of unwanted animals here in Gwinnett County that are not spayed or neutered and reproducing. They start life without a chance. We see the results every day as we must euthanize the animals we cannot find a home for. Many of the animals are sick and malnourished.

Prior to adopting a pet from the Shelter you are required by County ordinance to have your pet spayed or neutered through a contract with the Society of Humane Friends. The Society of Humane Friends provides this low cost service to help reduce pet overpopulation. If you obtain your pet from another source make sure it is spayed or neutered. The procedure can be performed by your veterinarian or through a low cost spay and neuter program. The Humane Society and the ASPCA offer information on their web sites including low cost spay and neuter programs close to where you live.

In addition to the benefit of reducing pet overpopulation spaying and neutering helps your pet stay healthier. Please be a responsible pet owner and have your pet spayed or neutered.