

What do “Spay” and “Neuter” really mean?

Both **Spay** and **Neuter** are types of **surgery** performed on pets in order to **sterilize** those pets, and prevent unwanted litters. Female dogs and cats are **spayed** by removing their reproductive organs; and male dogs and cats are **neutered** by removing their testicles. In both cases the operation is performed while the pet is under anesthesia. As with humans, surgery and anesthesia may pose certain risks. The Center’s Medical Team will review and explain these risks with you prior to surgery.

Spaying and Neutering is GOOD for your Pet!

- 🐾 Spaying and neutering helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- 🐾 Spaying and neutering can eliminate or reduce the incidence of a number of health problems that can be very difficult or expensive to treat.
- 🐾 Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer, particularly when your pet is spayed before her first estrous cycle.
- 🐾 Neutering eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease.

The Mission of the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley is to provide safe shelter for all lost, mistreated, and abandoned animals of the Mesilla Valley and surrounding communities. The Center utilizes all avenues available to it in placing each animal into a safe, loving, and permanent home whenever possible. We strive to meet the highest standards of humane animal care and husbandry, and to promote responsible pet ownership through public education and outreach.

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We are now providing Affordable Spay/Neuter Services for the Public.

Surgeries are performed at the ASCMV surgical suite several days a week.

All surgeries are scheduled by appointment only and slots are limited.

- For female dogs and cats, we will perform the surgery if the animal is in heat, as well as during any stage of pregnancy. For male dogs and cats, we will perform the surgery if the animal is a cryptorchid (a condition where only one or none of the testicles have descended).
- For all dogs and cats over three (3) months of age, if they have not already had their Rabies vaccination, we must administer the vaccine at the time of surgery for an additional cost of \$10.



- For adult dogs over one (1) year of age, we can administer the Parvo/Distemper combo vaccine at the time of surgery for an additional cost of \$10 per vaccine.
- For puppies under one (1) year of age, they must have received at least 2 out of the 3 Parvo/Distemper combo vaccinations, and they must be on time in their series of 3 vaccinations.
- For cats and kittens, we can administer the FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia) vaccine at the time of surgery for an additional cost of \$10. We do recommend that all cats and kittens be vaccinated, but we do not require that the animal have this vaccine.

COST

DOGS & PUPPIES \$35.00
CATS & KITTENS \$25.00

We also accept SNAP vouchers (Spay and Neuter Action Program). Please call (575)524-9265 for more information.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for surgery, the dog/puppy must be:

- at least 2 months old (and weigh at least 2 pounds)
- no more than 6 years old
- be current on its vaccinations
- in good physical health (no illness within 2 weeks of surgery)

In order to be eligible for surgery, the cat/kitten must be:

- at least 2 months old (and weigh at least 2 pounds)
- no more than 6 years old
- in good physical health (no illness within 2 weeks of surgery)

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (575) 382-0018 to speak with one of our surgery coordinators, or email Mariah at mwhigham@las-cruces.org. Please be sure to have your pet's veterinarian information available, as staff must verify vaccinations prior to surgery.



For additional information please visit our website at:

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