

# Spaying & Neutering

## Why Spay/Neuter Your Pet?

1. The number one reason to spay or neuter your pet is that it is the biggest factor in reducing the homeless and stray pet population. Animal controls and rescues around the country are continually overwhelmed by unwanted litters of cats and dogs every month—these struggles can be easily prevented! Spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 % effective method in reducing the unwanted and homeless cats and dogs.
2. Dogs and cats that are spayed/neutered live longer than their “unfixed” counterparts. Part of the reason for this is the fact that they are less likely to get in fights with other animals or stray away from home due to the lack of hormone-driven behavior. They also are less likely of developing certain types of cancers related to the reproductive system.
3. Spaying and neutering helps prevent unwanted behavior. In cats, the urge to “spray” is very strong in an intact animal, and neutering your pet fixes this issue the majority of the time. In dogs, it helps reduce the amount and frequency of the pet urine-marking as it reduces the assertive behavior associated with this act.
4. It’s cheaper! The long-term costs of not spaying or neutering your pet can add up to an astronomical amount. Between unwanted litters, unwanted behavior, health issues, and fighting/aggression, the vet bills can become costly for a pet that has not been fixed.

Did you know that you should spay/neuter your rabbit, too? For many of the same reasons, rabbits become better companions once they have been spayed or neutered. Fixing your rabbit will reduce aggressive behavior (such as nipping or lunging), marking, and reduces rabbit overpopulation.

Spay & Neuter Information Source: <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/why-you-should-spayneuter-your-pet>

*If you have financial difficulty in paying for your pet’s spay or neuter, there are a lot of resources out there!*

*See the back of this sheet for a list of low-cost spay & neuter facilities throughout Illinois. You can also contact your local county animal control or humane society for information about the services they offer.*

*See the list of some local government animal services below & of clinics on the back for one near you.*

DuPage County Animal Services  
<https://www.dupageco.org/animalcontrol/>  
120 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
Phone: 630-407-2800

Kane County Animal Control  
<http://www.kanecountypets.com/>  
4060 Keslinger Rd.  
Geneva, IL 60134  
Phone: 630-232-3555

Cook County Animal Control  
<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/spay-and-neuter-program-0>  
Phone: 708-974-6140

Will County Humane Society  
<https://willcountyhumane.com/>  
24109 W. Seil Road,  
Shorewood, IL 60404  
Phone: 815-741-0695



## Additional Illinois Spay-Neuter Clinics

**Spay Illinois Pet Well Clinic**  
2765 Maple Avenue, Lisle IL 60532  
<https://www.spayillinois.org/lisle-pet-well-clinic/>

**Triple R Pets**  
PO Box 86, Western Springs IL 60558  
<http://triplerpets.org/>

**A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter**  
420 Industrial Dr, Naperville IL 60563  
<https://adoptpetshelter.org/>

**Animal Welfare League**  
10305 Southwest Hwy, Chicago Ridge IL 60415  
<http://www.animalwelfareleague.com/>

**Animal Care League**  
1011 Garfield St, Oak Park IL 60304  
<http://www.animalcareleague.org/>

**Homes for Endangered and Lost Pets**  
P.O. Box 972, St Charles IL 60174  
<http://www.helpinganimals.org/>

**Anderson Animal Shelter**  
1000 S. LaFox, South Elgin Illinois 60177  
<https://www.andersonanimalshelter.org/>

**Fox Valley Animal Welfare League**  
11 John St, North Aurora IL 60542  
<http://www.fvawf.org/>

**Feral Feline Project**  
PO Box 1, Wheeling IL 60090  
<https://feralfelineproject.org/>

**Chicago Animal Care & Control**  
2741 S Western Ave, Chicago IL 60608  
<https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/ca/cc.html>

**PAWS Chicago**  
1997 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago IL 60614  
<http://www.pawschicago.org/>

**Tree House Humane Society**  
1212 W Carmen Ave, Chicago IL 60640  
<http://www.treehouseanimals.org>

**Anti Cruelty Society**  
157 W Grand Ave, Chicago IL 60654  
<https://anticruelty.org/>

**NAWS**  
9981 190th St, Mokena IL 60448  
<http://nawsus.org/>

**Kendall County Animal Control**  
802 W John St, Yorkville IL 60560  
<https://www.co.kendall.il.us/animal-control/>

**Lake County Animal Control**  
18736 W. Peterson Road, Libertyville IL 60048  
<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/152/Animal-Care-Control>

**Spay and Stay**  
393 Center St, Grayslake IL 60030  
<https://www.spayandstay.org/>

**Animal Outreach Humane Society**  
5408 Greenbrier Dr W, McHenry IL 60050  
<http://animaloutreachsociety.info/>

**South Suburban Humane Society**  
137 W Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights IL 60411  
<http://www.southsuburbanhumane.org/>

**Humane Society of Southern Illinois**  
1103 W End Ave, Chicago Heights IL 60411  
<http://humanesocietysil.org/>

**Alliance for Humane Action AHA**  
2106 E Grand Ave, Lindenhurst IL 60046  
<http://ahaworks.org/>

**TAILS Humane Society**  
2250 Barber Greene Rd, DeKalb IL 60115  
<https://www.tailshumanesociety.org/>

\*\*See [spayillinois.org](https://www.spayillinois.org) for the most up to date information and spay/neuter clinic partners