### SPAY & NEUTER CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA



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### Your female dog or cat will live a longer, healthier life.

Spaying- the removal of the ovaries and uterus- is a veterinary procedure performed under general anesthesia that usually requires minimal hospitalization. Spaying a female cat or dog helps prevent pyometra (pus-filled uterus) and breast cancer. Treatment of pyometra requires hospitalization, intravenous fluids and antibiotics. Breast cancer can be fatal in about 50 percent of female dogs and in 90 percent of female cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

#### There are major health benefits for your male animal companion, too.

Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male dog or cat- the surgical removal of the testicles-prevents testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate problems.

### Your spayed female won't go into heat.

While cycles can vary greatly, female cats usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they will yowl and urinate more frequently- sometimes all over the house. Un-spayed female dogs generally have bloody discharge for 2-3 weeks, and can conceive for another week after bleeding stops.

#### Your male dog won't need to roam away from home.

An unneutered male in search of a mate will do just about anything to get one! That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. Once free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fighting with other males. Un-neutered dogs and cats frequently mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house.

## Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.

Lack of exercise and overfeeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds—not neutering. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor food intake.

# Spaying or neutering is highly cost-effective

The cost of your pet's spay or neuter surgery is a fraction of the cost of having to care for a litter. It also beats the cost of medical treatment for various forms of reproductive cancers, the liability associated with the havoc an unneutered male may wreak in the neighborhood, or the price of replacing blood- or urine-stained carpet and furniture.

# It packs a powerful punch in the fight against pet overpopulation.

Millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized annually or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unwanted, unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

#### It's the law!

It is required by law in North Las Vegas, City of Las Vegas, Clark County & the City of Henderson that dogs andcats over 4 months of age be spayed or neutered. Violating the new ordinance would be a misdemeanor carryingpossible fines of \$225 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for the third and subsequentoffenses.