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February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

Do you know why it's so important to spay and neuter your dogs?

There are incredible health benefits, but most importantly, spaying and neutering helps control the issue of pet overpopulation. Every year, millions of perfectly healthy dogs are euthanized because there isn't enough space in overcrowded shelters, or there aren't enough homes for them. When you spay or neuter your dog, you're ensuring that you aren't contributing to that overwhelming burden of overpopulation.

***Let's start with the health benefits:
Your female dog will live a longer,
happier life.***

***Spaying prevents uterine infections
and uterine cancer, and nearly
eliminates the risk of breast tumors,
which are malignant or cancerous in
about 50% of dogs.***

***Your male dog will live a longer,
happier life as well.***

***Neutering prevents testicular cancer
and problems with the prostate
gland, and greatly reduces their risk
for perianal tumors.***

***Neutered male dogs live 18%
longer than unneutered male dogs
Spayed female dogs live 23%
longer than unspayed female dogs***

Spaying and neutering can help curb bad behaviors, too!

Neutering prevents assertive behavior and reduces the likelihood of frequent urine-marking.

Spaying eliminates the constant crying and nervous pacing of a female in heat.

Both can prevent the urge to roam, which poses risks such as injuries from traffic and fights with other dogs.

Shelters and rescues do their best to care for homeless dogs, but there simply aren't enough willing adopters to care for all of them. You can do your part by spaying and neutering your dogs.