

Blue Cross of Hyderabad

10 reasons to neuter your pet:

1. **Neutering (castrating or spaying) is the solution to keep your pet from turning aggressive.**

Worldwide regulation recommends that “All pets (cats and dogs) must be neutered unless the owner is a licensed breeder.” This may be shocking to our Indian democratic psyche, but when one understands the reasons behind it, pet owners can save themselves and their animals a great deal of trauma. For an animal the urge to breed is not emotional like humans; it is purely biological. Denial is extremely frustrating for the animal, which always leads to aggression. So if you want your pet to be even tempered, spay / neuter by the age of 1yr.

2. **A dog that is neutered lives a stable, healthy and undisturbed life.**

We mistakenly believe that having one litter is a good thing for our pet dog. This is not based on fact. The puppies are taken away at 4 or 6 weeks causing trauma to the mother. Left with the mother the pups fight with her for territory or food. Besides, from a Veterinarians point of view, a neutered pet has less danger of prostate or uterine cancer.

3. **Our Creator has higher intelligence and priority than we understand.**

Some people say that God or Mother Nature meant for all to procreate, and disturbing this is cruel. Surely it is crueller, when the dog gets aggressive and goes on a biting spree out of breeding frustration and has to be tied up all day for the rest of its life? Or worse as when the pet runs behind females on the street and gets attacked by street dogs, run over by a vehicle or gets lost. Spaying / neutering are for a greater good. Our Creator will understand and approve.

4. **Please don't breed or buy when homeless animals die!**

The most astonishing concern is that the dogs need to breed or they will go extinct! What about our Indian homeless animals on the street? Or what about the hundreds of pet dogs abandoned on the street when they fall sick or get run over? Please open your hearts and homes and be sure your second pet is a homeless Indian country dog. If we all did that, we could end the stray animal problem overnight.

5. **The Law demands that all breeders must be licensed to breed their dogs.**

Some people believe that children will benefit from witnessing the miracle of birth and hence breed their pets. They are OK with spaying after a few litters. Well firstly, licensing means the pet owner must have proper infrastructure and premises for the dog and her pups, proper Veterinary care etc. Secondly, what are we teaching children when we take away the pups at 4 to 6 weeks and give them away? Thirdly, when a female dog has had puppies, spaying her could cause unnecessary hormonal changes or incontinence. A dog with incontinence is quickly abandoned on the street or left to fend for herself. So from the dog's viewpoint, it is better to spay young than old, before she has puppies.

6. **Its good for guard dogs too.**

People are afraid that castration makes the dog docile and incapable of guarding. Dogs guard out of territorial instinct. The breeding instinct is to roam after the females and this is not good for guard dogs. Castration ensures he will stop roaming and his aggression out of frustration, and not hamper his guarding instinct.

7. It is a simple surgical procedure and recovery is 4 to 7 days.

People are afraid that it will cause a lot of pain to their pet. This is not so as excellent pain killers are available in the market. Find a good and experienced surgeon.

8. Information about neutering is available with your Vet or Blue Cross.

People are confused about what age is the best to neuter their pet, how much it will cost, what it will involve, etc. so they don't make the effort. It is best done before the age of 1 year. For more information call your Vet or Blue Cross today.

9. The alternatives are not advisable.

People have tried all types of alternatives to the surgery. Most have not worked, have proved more painful, or are not permanent like this is.

10. Love is seeing the big picture.

Love is being able to see what is good for your pet, not how you feel or how you fear. Worldwide animal welfare experts, Veterinarians, Law makers and more have assured us that neutering is the best way to ensure your pet dog and cat leads a healthy and happy life. So do plan to have your pet neutered for its own good.