



Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic Update

When you want something bad enough you work your tail off getting it until you've got it. The volunteers that help make *North East Washington Animal Protection League* a success do just that, work hard at making our dream come true, which is to start a mobile spay and neuter clinic for our area. The proceeds that we gather during our various fundraisers held throughout the year all go toward this mobile clinic, as well as the upkeep of our shelter, and the animals in our care. Our goal is to have a mobile low-cost no-cost spay and neuter clinic for dogs located in Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille counties.

By providing this service to the general public we hope to help alleviate the over population of unwanted dogs in our area. People who cannot afford to take their furry friend to the vet for spaying or neutering would be able to utilize our clinic.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Having your pet spayed or neutered helps prevent the suffering and death of millions of abandoned or unwanted animals. Puppies are very adorable, but when they grow up people often don't feel this way anymore and the now grown up dog becomes neglected and may end up

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abused or a stray wandering the streets. According to the *American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)*, millions of dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized annually because there are just not enough homes for them all. Strays often die a slow, painful death by starvation, disease, freezing, or being hit by a car. It's up to us as responsible pet owners to

ensure that our pets are properly taken care of and that they don't become a burden on society.

About Mobile Vet Clinics

A mobile spay and neuter clinic is a "real clinic," only it's on wheels. It would have a surgery table, light, anesthesia equipment, scale, surgical packs, autoclave for sterilization of instruments, holding cages and other standard equipment. A mobile vet clinic is operated by a licensed veterinarian and is fully staffed. Routine schedules and locations of service are advertised regularly. People who operate mobile clinics have the same goal as the rest of us and that is safe surgeries. Mobile clinics do not keep clients overnight after surgery, but instead rely on the caregiver to look out for their pet during recovery which helps lower the cost of surgery.

Through this mobile vet clinic we want to help reduce the number of unwanted litters in

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shelters and on the streets, and assure a better life for our family pets. Pet owners need to know that a mobile vet clinic is no substitution for your local vet and that you should still schedule regular visits to your local veterinarian for annual checkups and other medical conditions.

Top 10 Reasons to Spay or Neuter Your Pet

1. **Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life.** Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.
2. **Neutering provides major health benefits for your male.** Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer, if done before six months of age.
3. **Cats** While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more

frequently—sometimes all over the house!

4. **Dogs** An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.
5. **Your neutered male will be much better behaved.** Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.
6. **Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat.** Don't use that old excuse! 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.
7. **It is highly cost-effective.** The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered pet escapes and

gets into fights with the neighborhood stray!

8. **Spaying and neutering your pet is good for the community.** Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering packs a powerful punch in reducing the number of animals on the streets.
9. **Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to learn about the miracle of birth.** Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping is not a good lesson for your children—especially when so many unwanted animals end up in shelters. There are tons of books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a more responsible way.
10. **Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation.** Every year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.

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