

Area Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs

Always check with your veterinarian first...they may be able to work out a payment plan for you!



Animal Care Services
4710 State Highway 151
(off Old Hwy 90)
(210) 207-6653
www.saacs.net



SpaySA
(formerly Animal Resource Center)
1615 South Laredo
(off I-35S of downtown)
(210) 351-7729
www.animalresource.org



SNAP Program
(Spay Neuter Assistance Program)
6758 Ingram Road
(off WB access road)
(210) 673-7722
www.snapus.org

Make an appointment for your pet today!



Some disturbing statistics about pets in U.S. Shelters

- Up to 8 million dogs and cats enter shelters throughout the country every year. *At least half of them are killed due to lack of adopters.*
- Barely 750 thousand dogs and cats are reclaimed by their owners from shelters throughout the U.S. every year. Just 30% of dogs and only 2-5% of cats make it back home.
- About 25% of the dogs abandoned at shelters throughout the country are purebreds. Purebreds come into ACS every day, many of them abandoned by their owners.
- A fertile cat can have up to 3 litters a year with 4-6 kittens in each litter
- A fertile dog can have up to 2 litters a year with an average of 6-10 puppies per litter.

Statistics courtesy of HSUS



**Be a part of the FIX!
Spay/Neuter your pets!**
Check out the low cost options inside!

**THE PRICE
THEY PAY...
THE TRUE
COST OF NOT
SPAYING OR
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YOUR PET**



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San Antonio, TX 78227
(210) 207-4PET

THE TRUE COST OF NOT SPAYING OR NEUTERING YOUR PET

More than 18 thousand pets... that's the number of dogs and cats



A yellow Labrador Retriever puppy abandoned by its owner at Animal Care Services along with its other littermates.

euthanized at the city's Animal Care Services in FY 2010. Many of these animals were in litters born to family pets. Some of them were found wandering the city streets—sick, dirty, hungry and

scared. Some of them were dumped at the front door of the shelter overnight—left like bags of trash. It's a tragic and completely unnecessary situation....But it can get better with your help. How can we tackle this huge problem that affects our neighborhoods and lowers our quality of life?

By spaying or neutering our pets!

Spaying or neutering our pets is the only 100 percent effective way we can control the population of unwanted pets and ensure a decrease in the number of unwanted litters.

The price they pay....

Did you know, on average, each intact or un-sterilized dog costs U.S. taxpayers \$35 in animal control costs vs. just \$12 per sterilized dog*? Some experts estimate for every dollar spent on sterilization now, taxpayers will save \$10 dollars down the road in reduced euthanasia and animal control costs. The American Veterinary Medical Association or A.V.M.A. estimates it costs millions of dollars every year to capture, to impound and eventually euthanize the tens of thousands of stray animals on our streets. Many of these animals are intact *owned pets* allowed to roam and breed with no regard for the consequences. That out of control and irresponsible breeding has led to San Antonio's pet overpopulation problem. *It will get worse* unless we do something—for our pets AND our community. The answer—spaying/neutering our pets!



ACS chief veterinarian, Dr. Melissa Draper, D.V.M. performs a spay surgery on a female puppy left at the shelter. All pets adopted from Animal Care Services, sent to rescue groups or other shelters are spayed or neutered.

By making sure that your pet can't have puppies or kittens, you'll have peace of mind that his or her offspring won't be euthanized in an already crowded animal shelter. No more messes dealing with a female in heat. No more noisy and possibly aggressive males "looking for love" in YOUR yard! Sterilizing your pet can also reduce the risk of certain health issues for both male *and* female pets, helping your pet live a longer life. Even if your pet has "just one litter" and even if you find homes for all those puppies or kittens, that's fewer homes for our city's shelter pets. Meaning more pets could be euthanized at area shelters...and that's the TRUE COST of not spaying and neutering your pet.



A mother dog and her pups await their fate.



A box of puppies left in a dirty, taped up box at the door of the Animal Care Services shelter. Newborn animals abandoned at ACS are often euthanized because of the lack of foster families to care for them.