# HERBERS VETERINARY SERVICES

**IN AN EFFORT TO HELP YOUR PET LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE, HERBERS VETERINARY SERVICES PROVIDES SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES.**

**CHOOSING TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET IS ONE OF THE MOST RESPONSIBLE**

## SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS

Both spaying and neutering are surgical procedures that prevent an animal from reproducing. Spaying and neutering are typically recommended for pets that are at least 6 months old. Spaying is performed on female animals and involves surgically removing the uterus and ovaries to prevent pregnancy. Neutering is preformed on male animals and involves removing the testicles to eliminate fertility. While each of these surgeries sound involved, they can usually be completed within a few hours and do not require an overnight hospital stay.

As countless parents have told their pleading children time and time again, adopting a pet is a big responsibility. Spaying or neutering your pet is often synonymous with being a responsible pet owner, and yet Canada is experiencing an overpopulation crisis. The statistics are as sad as they are startling: Of the nearly 120,000 cats that were taken in by shelters in 2012, 41% were euthanized. In addition to animal population control, there are several good reasons to spay and neuter your pets.

## SPAY & NEUTER MYT

### MYTH #1 ONLY FEMALES TO BE SPA

This is not true! The reproc process takes two and if your r not neutered, he can easily female stray or a pet whose c have not yet taken the responsi spaying her. You may not be c affected if your male pet is allo breed, but your actions – c thereof – will contribute to the p of pet overpopulation.

### MYTH #2. NEUTERING AFFECT A PET'S PERSONA

The only hormone affected I surgery is testosterone, which c male animals to roam and pro mark their territory. Males will b aggressive and both males females will be easier to manage they are spayed/neutered; They more sociable and more likely along well with other animals a be less likely to roam.

### MYTH #3 ANIMALS BECOME LAZY, AND UNHEALTHY SPAYED OR NEUT

Animals become fat and lazy overeating and lack of exercis