

Benefits of Neutering Your Cat

Your new kitten is approaching six months of age, which is an ideal time to neuter him. When done early, this surgical procedure will eliminate many unwanted behavioral problems which develop with sexual maturity and can significantly lengthen your cat's life. Here is a brief list of expected benefits:

- Eliminates annoying sexual behavior such as lifting his leg to “mark” his territory both outdoors and in the house.
- Eliminates roaming in search of females. If allowed to run loose he may fight with other males, be injured, killed by automobiles, or get lost.
- Greatly reduces the medical costs related to treating abscesses and other injuries received in cat fights.
- Helps control the pet population crisis by avoiding unwanted pregnancies.
- Statistics reveal that the average life span of an unaltered male cat is 6 years. This average can more than double if you have your kitten neutered.

Altering will not change your pet's personality except to make him a calmer, more devoted pet. The surgery will not cause him to become fat and lazy. Any older, less active pet may experience weight gain. This can be easily controlled by proper diet and exercise.

Cat Neuter FAQs

How long will my cat stay at the veterinary clinic after surgery?

- Neuters typically go home any time between 2:00pm and 5:30pm the day of the surgery.

When do his sutures need to be removed?

- There are no sutures to be removed after a cat neuter. All sutures are absorbable.

What are my instructions after I take him home?

- It is important in his healing process to keep him calm for up to 7 days after his surgery.

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Will he gain a lot of weight after surgery?

- There is the possibility that weight gain can occur after his neuter. It may be necessary to cut back on his current portions if this is seen in your cat.