



## **Good for You, Your Pet, and the Community**

### **Prevent a Litter - It's Good for You**

- ❖ Spayed and neutered pets are better, more affectionate, companions.
- ❖ Neutered cats are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- ❖ Spaying a female dog or cat eliminates its heat cycle, which can last twenty-one days, twice a year, in dogs, and anywhere from three to fifteen days, three or more times a year, in cats. Females in heat often cry incessantly, show nervous behavior, and attract unwanted male animals.
- ❖ Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to bite. Unaltered animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than those that have been spayed or neutered.

### **Prevent a Litter - It's Good for Your Pet**

- ❖ Spayed and neutered dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- ❖ Spaying female dogs and cats eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer.
- ❖ Neutering male dogs and cats reduces the incidence of prostate cancer.
- ❖ Neutered animals are less likely to roam and fight.

### **Prevent a Litter - It's Good for the Community**

- ❖ Communities spend millions of dollars to control and eliminate unwanted animals. Irresponsible breeding contributes to the problem of dog bites and attacks. Animal shelters are overburdened with surplus animals.
- ❖ For every person that is born, 15 dogs and 45 cats are also born. You do the numbers ... There aren't enough homes for them all. You can solve the problem. Spay or neuter today.
- ❖ Only 1 in 9 cats and dogs born in the U.S. will find a home. The rest will be destroyed because nobody wants them. Could you choose which animal will live? It's a choice no one should have to make. But your local animal shelter makes this decision every day. You can help stop the killing. Spay or neuter your pet.
- ❖ 1 + 1 is 420,000. How's that? One female cat and one male cat and their offspring results in 420,000 kittens in 7 years. The solution to the problem of pet overpopulation is for you to spay or neuter your cat.
- ❖ Some people think that neutering their pet may hurt them. Actually, neutering helps prevent some harmful medical problems for animals and decreases their chances of getting cancer. Neutering also deters high-risk

behavior such as roaming, getting into fights, and mating. So, neutering your pet doesn't hurt – it helps.

- ❖ Don't use your cats and dogs to teach your children about the birds and the bees. Between 8-12 million companion animals are killed each year in America due to lack of homes. Don't let your pet have even one litter. Spay or neuter today.

Morgan County Humane Society's H.O.P.E. (Help Over-Population End) Program is serious about reducing the number of unwanted kittens and puppies in our county. We provide funding for spay and neuter services for any size dog or cat for only a \$14.00 co-pay. Please call us at 765.349.9177 to set up an appointment.