



## NEUTER YOUR MALE DOG

Neutering your male dog will help avoid behavioral problems in the future as well as make your life and your dog's life less troublesome.

1. Male dogs have a strong tendency to roam. They are attempting to find females to breed and defend their territory against other males.
2. Most dogs killed on the streets and highways are unneutered males.
3. Males that are not neutered have a higher level of aggression against other males. Most aggression problems in male dogs stem from an unneutered male challenging other males
4. Depending upon the breed and behavioral history of your dog, dominance problems may start if your dog is not neutered.
5. Males that are not neutered have a strong tendency to "mark" their territory by raising their leg and urinating. This behavior can start in the home. Dogs may react to females in season, new dogs moving in, or wandering dogs by lifting their legs in the house.
6. It is a myth that a neutered dog will become fat. Fat dogs are a product of overfeeding and under-exercising.
7. When a dog is neutered, he is not deprived of any element of life that he is aware of. Do not attempt to place human values and concerns on an animal. Although the owner's life may revolve around sexual escapades, the dog's life does not.

8. Even though you may love your dog so much that you want another one just like him, it is better to purchase a new puppy than to breed your dog. What will happen to the other seven puppies?
9. You must realize that even though the owner of the female dog has all the puppies in a litter sired by your dog, YOU are still responsible for their welfare. After all, it takes two to tango. (Sounds like someone's mother!) Creating seven or eight new lives is a serious undertaking.
10. When you neuter a male dog, you will be giving him a desire to be a family pet that is content to stay home, become a wonderful companion and will enjoy a longer life span.
11. Neuter your male BEFORE problems start by neutering at six months. This will prevent problems from starting. Waiting to see if he has any problems will only make it more difficult to curb male-related behaviors after neutering. Neutering will have less effect on the dog if it is delayed until AFTER the problems have set in.

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