



SPAY YOUR FEMALE DOG

Spaying (not spading) your female dog is a **MUST!** There is no good reason for having an unspayed female.

1. Dogs do not "want" a litter of puppies. They do not want to be fulfilled as a bitch by having puppies. Reproduction is a biological function like drinking when thirsty and eating when hungry. For our furry friends, there is no romance involved.
2. It is a myth that there are "good" homes for every dog. There are not even enough "bad" homes for every dog.
3. One-third of the dogs that are killed yearly in animal shelters are purebred.
4. The United States spends over one billion dollars per year killing excess dogs. There are not enough people to care for all these pets.
5. Just because your dog is pretty does not mean she should have a litter. Pretty dogs are abused and neglected just as easily as the not-so-pretty ones.
6. Spaying your female dog before her first heat cycle will lower the chances of mammary gland tumors to almost zero.
7. A spayed female never has temperament changes due to her heat cycle that may make her an unsatisfactory pet.
8. Spayed females do not wander during their twice yearly heat cycles ... because they don't have them.

9. Just because you have "good" homes for a litter of puppies, stop and think - what about THEIR puppies? If you have a litter of puppies, they can reproduce themselves in nine months. From your original 5, we now have 25. Those 25 give us 125 and those 125 give us 625. In less than 5 years there are an additional 625 dogs. One unspayed female dog can produce 4400 dogs in 7 years. Those numbers are multiplied each time your neighbor, friend or mechanic has a litter of puppies because "the kids wanted them".

10. All purebred dogs have a variety of tempermental and physical problems that can be inherited. If you are not an expert in genetics and are not familiar with all the problems of the breed, you will likely produce sick, deformed and poor quality puppies. It is even considered that only one percent of purebreds are suitable for breeding purposes by reputable breeders, so imagine the suitability is much less for mixed breeds.

11. Do not think that if someone pays a high price for a puppy that the puppy will be cared for better. It is just as easy to find a \$1000 purebred in a shelter as a free mixed breed.

12. The United States is faced with a staggering animal over-population problem. DO NOT add to the problem by breeding your female dog. Be responsible to your dog, your community and yourself.

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