

CYPRESS SQUARE ANIMAL CLINIC

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Neuter/Castration

There are several reasons a responsible pet owner has their pet surgically altered. Neutering a cat or dog involves the removal of the testicles from the scrotal sacs under a general anesthetic. This is an extremely common and relatively safe procedure. It is usually done around 6 months of age, at a time when the animal is old enough to increase anesthetic safety, but before the hormones (testosterone) have begun to release.

Neutering will first and foremost prevent the pet from being able to breed. There are thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens in our area alone. Pets will often escape the home to breed, and dogs have even been known to breed through a chain link fence. This desire to roam often leads to a beloved pet being injured or killed in the street.

Neutering early can also help to prevent the development of unwanted behaviors such as aggression and dominance, which usually start about 12 to 18 months of age. These behaviors are very difficult to control once started.

Other advantages of early neutering include the 100% prevention of testicular and prostate cancers, as well as prostatic infections and inflammation. These conditions can be very expensive to treat, as well as very painful for the pet.

Studies have shown that early neutering of a pet in no way changes its growth and development or alters its present personality.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please feel free to call our office at (281)469-9633.

Sincerely,
CSAC Staff