



Pet Adoption Information

The Humane Society of El Paso services are provided to animals in the shelter for a flat fee of \$65 for a dog or cat. This fee includes the pet's initial adoption fee, first shots, rabies vaccination, license and spaying/neutering.

The Humane Society is proud to announce the dedication of its new Spay/Neuter Clinic. We are doing our part to help prevent pet overpopulation in the El Paso area. The purpose of the Spay/Neuter Clinic is to reduce the number of unwanted and abused pets in the El Paso community.

The Humane Society of El Paso is determined to adopt out the healthiest pet and to guarantee that no pet leaves the shelter able to reproduce. The pet cannot be removed from the shelter until spaying/neutering has taken place in our clinic, unless the pet has already been sterilized.

We encourage every pet owner to take responsibility of their pets health by visiting their veterinarian regularly. And, if you don't have a veterinarian, call us and we will refer you to one.

Other adoption advice:

- Don't adopt a large dog when you have a small home. Make sure that your dog will be comfortable in your living space.
- Don't adopt a cat and let it run loose. The law states that cats must be leashed when outdoors.
- Exercise your dog often and it will be less destructive.
- Animals are shy too, give them a chance to relax and get to know you.

The Humane Society is open for adoptions Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. For more information about the Humane Society and the Spay/Neuter Clinic, contact Barbara Lantz at (915) 532-6971 ext. 15.

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Spay & Neuter Clinic

Questions & Answers

The Humane Society of El Paso considers spaying and neutering to be the most important proactive step to reducing pet overpopulation. Almost 10 times as many dogs and cats are born as there are homes that want them. Spaying or neutering your pet will help solve the problem of unwanted and abused animals in the El Paso area.

Is pet overpopulation a serious problem?

In the U.S., more than 50,000 puppies and kittens are born each day because of the uncontrolled breeding of pets. For every contented pet in the country, another 4 live out their lives hungry, miserable, and at the mercy of humans.

What does pet overpopulation mean?

Pet overpopulation occurs when too many companion animals are competing for too few good homes. Living creatures have become throwaway items to be cuddled when cute and abandoned when they become inconvenient. The disregard for animal life erodes our culture and our responsibility as human beings.

Can the problem be solved?

The problem can be solved by implementing spaying and neutering programs and by enforcing state laws. Texas state laws require that every pet adopted from a public or private shelter be sterilized.

Is the surgery painful?

Spaying and neutering surgery is safe and performed painlessly while your pet is under general anesthesia. There may be some discomfort after surgery but most animals recover within a few days.

Will the surgery change my pet's personality?

Sterilization only makes your pet more content, less likely to stray, less aggressive, more easily house trained, and it prevents certain types of cancer and disease. The surgery keeps your pet healthy and happy.

Sterilization is an important part of being a responsible pet owner. Pet ownership means providing adequate food, fresh water, exercise and proper veterinary care. It is your job to love and give your pet the attention it needs.