



What is S. N. A. P?

Kindness Club Inc. is a humanitarian organization which seeks to improve current animal welfare issues. Recently, we have introduced a Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (S. N. A. P.) This program intends to reduce the pet overpopulation and the number of abandoned dogs left homeless each year.

To help tackle this problem, the Kindness Club provides financial aid to spay or neuter dogs in need. Low income families who have dogs as family pets may apply to our program to receive assistance which will help cover the cost of a spay or neuter operation. If the pet guardian and dog are approved, two appointments are made with a local veterinarian. During the initial visit, the veterinarian will check the animal for any pre-operation precautions and confirm vaccinations. The second appointment is when the surgery is scheduled.

The purpose of implementing this program is to reduce the overwhelming number of animals mistreated or abandoned and left homeless in shelters. We hope that you will help us put an end to this problem by promoting responsible pet guardianship and encouraging that animals be spayed or neutered. All applications are reviewed by a committee at Kindness Club Inc. Priority is given according to the animal's current situation and the guardian's financial need. Forms must be mailed or faxed and accompanied with a statement of household income. All information will be kept confidential. Contact Kindness Club Inc. for an application (Tel: 506-459-3379).



What is the Kindness Club?

Kindness Club Inc. is a registered charity dedicated to humane and environmental education. It was founded in 1959 by the late honorable Hugh John Flemming's wife, Mrs. Aida Flemming. She was determined to promote respect for the environment and kindness to all living creatures. Through her efforts, she touched the lives of thousands of children, adults, and animals. Over the years, memberships have grown across North America and in other countries, and the Club continues to encourage kindness towards animals as well as people, and to act in defense of all living creatures.

As the Kindness Club continues to grow, we are pleased to provide pet care literature, and humane and environmental education materials for members, group leaders, and teachers. Ongoing programs include an annual writing and essay contest, quarterly newsletters, memberships, a feeding program, spay and neuter financial assistance, public displays, and educational presentations.

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S. N. A. P.

Spay and Neuter Assistance Program

Helping to Reduce the
Number of Abandoned Pets in
our Community

Pet Overpopulation Problems

Each year, thousands of dogs are left abandoned or unwanted in shelters, and sometimes even left on the streets to fend for themselves. These dogs are either euthanized from lack of space in shelters, or die from starvation, disease or being hit by a car. Many of these deaths could have been prevented, and it is still not too late to decrease the number of homeless animals in need of a loving family and proper care.

It is hard to imagine that just one litter can add to the pet overpopulation. But what happens if homes can not be found for all the puppies? Then you must also consider that those puppies may have a litter, adding to the number of dogs needing a home. All of these litters add up quickly. Don't forget about people who buy dogs impulsively from pet stores without realizing that those dogs most likely came from puppy mills. The majority of puppy mill dogs will have numerous behavioral problems and health risks. This may lead to more abandoned dogs, due to the financial strain of veterinarian bills and discouraged temperament problems. All of these risks contribute to the pet overpopulation. By adopting animals from shelters or rescue leagues, and having them spayed or neutered, you are eliminating future homeless or unwanted dogs. You are also prolonging an animal's life, helping them to be healthier and happier pets.



Know the Facts! Common Myths about Spay and Neuter Operations

Sources: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and The Humane Society of the United States

“My dog should have a litter before she is spayed!”

Medical evidence shows that females who are spayed before their first heat are healthier animals. Many veterinarians will operate on a puppy as long as it weighs two pounds or is two months old. Females who are left unspayed are at a greater risk to develop mammary tumors or uterine infections.

“Spaying or neutering will change my dog’s personality, and I want him to be protective”

Personalities in dogs are not formed by sex hormones, but more by genetics and their environment. Due to a dog's natural instinct, they will still be protective of both your family and home. Spaying and neutering your dog will reduce their need to breed, making him/her more calm and relaxed. This will cause dogs to be less likely to roam, fight and they lose their desire to mark territory with urine.

“My dog will become lazy if he is neutered!”

This is completely false. Pets that are over fed and receive lack of exercise will become unhealthy and over weight. Dogs that are spayed or neutered tend to live on average two to three years longer than those who are unsterilized.

“I don’t want my dog to feel less of a male”

Dogs will not experience an identity crisis if they are neutered. Animals have no concept of sexual identity or ego. You will be benefiting your pet by prolonging their life, and giving them a chance to live healthier and happier.

“The surgery will be painful for my animal, and sterilization is dangerous.”

In most instances spay or neuter operations take place in one day, and providing there are no complications, your pet will be returned to you within 24 hours. Spaying and neutering are the most common surgeries performed on dogs. Recovery is usually a few days, and your pet will be back to his/her regular self.

“I’ll find good homes for the puppies if my dog has a litter.”

Yes, you may be able to find homes for all of your dog's puppies. But will those homes all be loving, caring and permanent homes? Also, within one year, each of those puppies could have a litter of their own, and their offspring would need to find caring, financially stable homes as well. Most importantly, each home that you find for your dog's puppies means one less likely home for an abandoned animal in a shelter. There are just too many homeless, loving dogs that are euthanized each year. There is no need to add to the pet overpopulation.

