

## **Spay and Neuter FAQ**

### **When do we recommend spaying or neutering your puppy?**

We recommend spaying or neutering your puppy between the ages of 4 and 6 months. Spaying a female at this age, before her first heat cycle, will drastically reduce the risk for mammary tumors later in life. Neutering a male at this age will reduce the incidence of unwanted marking and territorial behaviors. If you would like your puppy implanted with a microchip, this is a good time to have it done.

### **Will spaying or neutering my dog prevent future illnesses?**

Yes, absolutely. In females, it greatly decreases cancer and completely eliminates uterine cancers and diseases. In males, it eliminates testicular cancers or diseases and can lower the risk of prostate cancer. Generally, spayed and neutered pets live longer, happier lives.

### **Why should I have my dog spayed or neutered?**

Shelter euthanasia is the number one killer of companion animals. Spaying and neutering is the only way to reduce or eliminate that.