The TRUTH About Spay/Neuter Myths

1) Spaying/neutering **WILL NOT hurt your pet**. Spaying/neutering is a safe and relatively painless procedure that is done by a licensed veterinarian.

2) Spaying/neutering **WILL NOT make your pet fat and lazy**. Too much food and not enough exercise is the main cause of obesity in pets, just as it is in people.

3) **Female pets SHOULD NOT have one litter of puppies or kittens before being spayed - this defeats the whole purpose!** It is actually better for a female to not have a litter or a heat period before being spayed. Most pets can be spayed/neutered between four and five months of age.

4) **Having a male pet neutered WILL NOT take away their "guard dog" instinct.** Neutering a dog does not reduce its ability as either a guard dog or a watch dog. He will still be as protective of his territory/family as he was before the surgery.

Many people do not have their pets spayed/neutered because they feel they will be able to find homes for their puppies or kittens. Well, that may be true, but each time that they place one of their animals, somewhere else an animal is being killed in a shelter because there was no home for them. Please do the right thing by having your pet spayed/neutered - it saves animal lives!

To find out more about Spay/Neuter Programs in San Bernardino County, please call 1-877-44POPCO. Thank you.

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