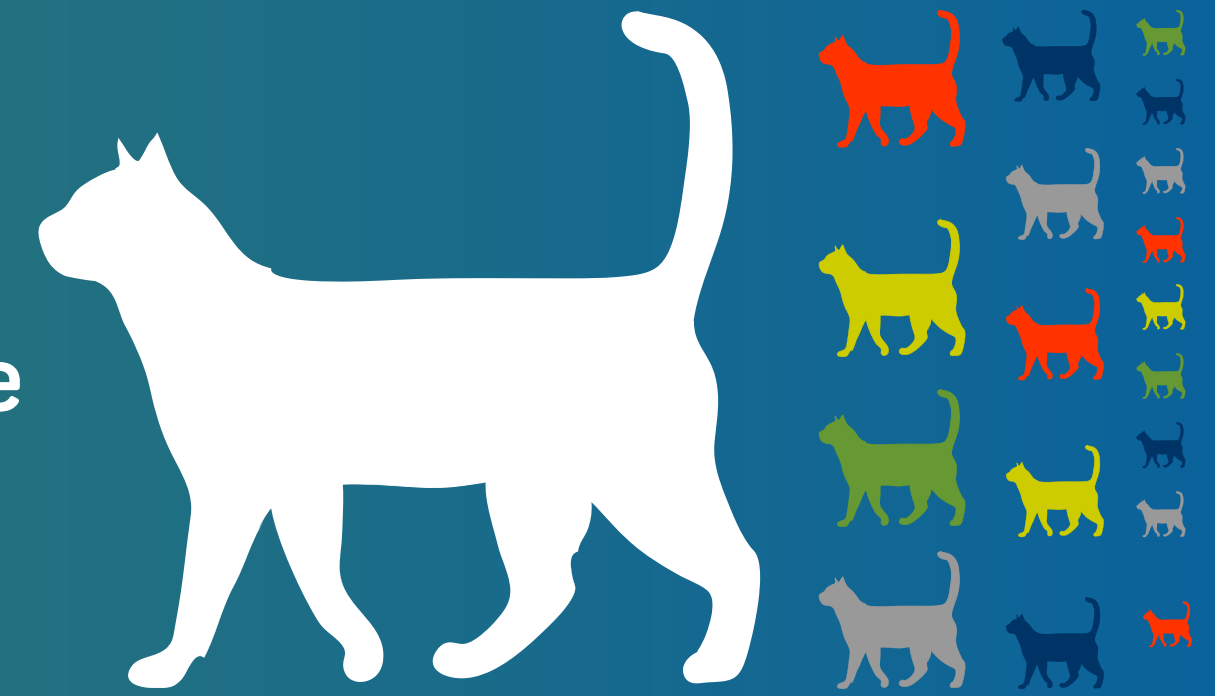




## Spaying or Neutering Your Cat/Kitten

### STOP CAT OVERPOPULATION

Each year, thousands of unwanted cats/kittens are being handed into shelters or abandoned. It is believed there are significantly more abandoned cats than dogs. Spaying or neutering your cat/kitten is the most effective solution.

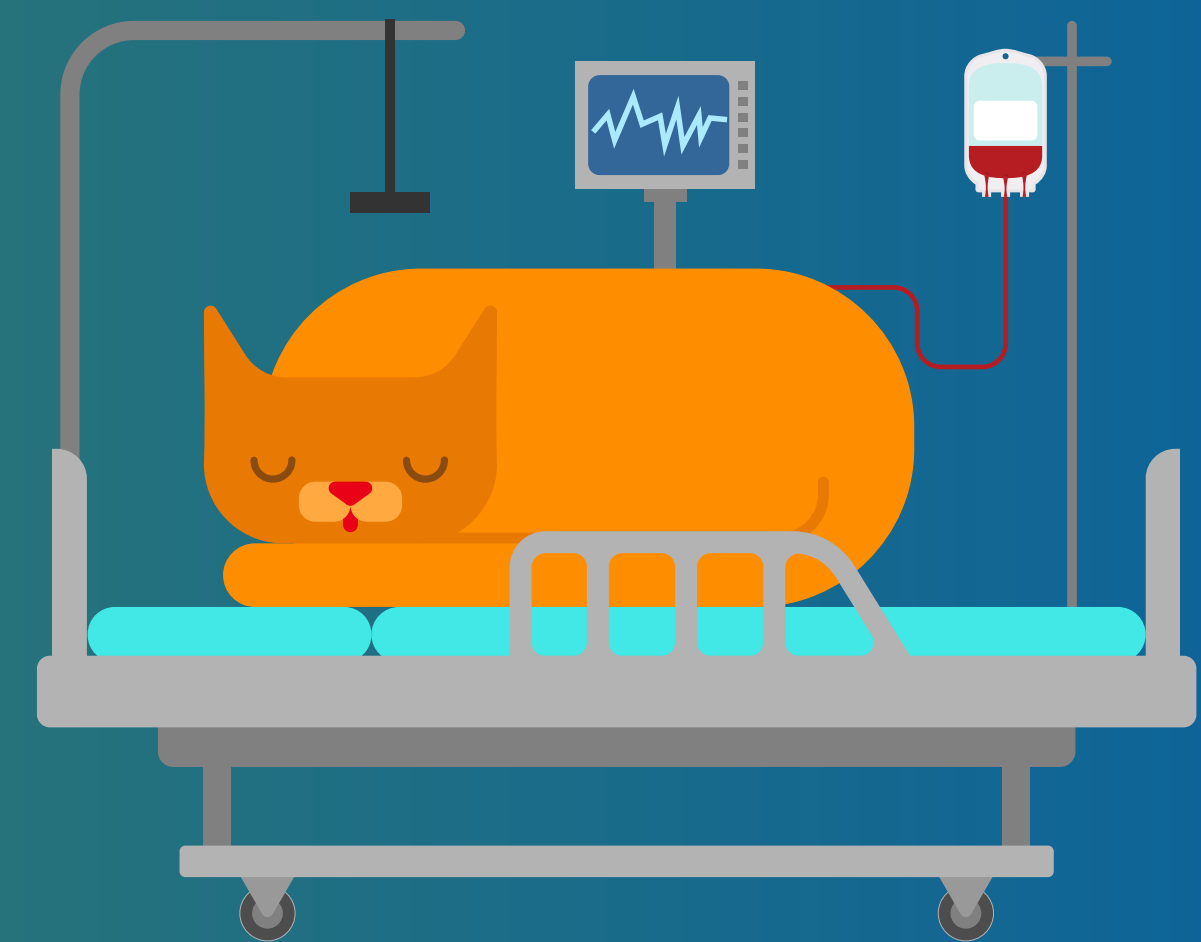


### ONLY 1 IN 12 OF CATS BORN FIND A HOME

Even if good homes are found for an entire new litter, they are filling homes that other abandoned cats/kittens might have had, therefore adding to the stray and shelter population.

### BENEFITS OF SPAYING FEMALE CATS

Unspayed cats are 7 times more likely to develop **mammary cancer** than those spayed at puberty. Spaying helps **prevent uterine infections** and **breast cancer**, which is fatal in about 50% of cats. Spaying eliminates the risk of **dystocia** (birthing difficulties) and reduces certain **unwanted feline behaviour**. Spaying your cat increases their lifespan from 3 to 5 years.



### BENEFITS OF NEUTERING MALE CATS

Neutering reduces fighting and unwanted territorial behaviour by over 80%, significantly **reducing cat bite abscesses**, as well as **reducing the risk of FIV and Feline Leukaemia Viral Infection**. Neutering also significantly **reduces male urine spraying** behaviour.

### WHEN TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR CAT/KITTEN

In general, both male and female cats/kittens should be neutered/spayed at **four months of age**. Please seek advice from your vet. Your vet will assess your cat/kitten and discuss the timeline and the benefits of spaying or neutering in relation to your cat/kitten's individual health and circumstances.