



**Humane Society**  
of Memphis & Shelby County

**POSITION ON SPAYING AND NEUTERING  
OF DOGS AND CATS**

**The Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County holds a firm stance in favor of the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats in Memphis and surrounding areas. With thousands of unwanted animals being born every year in Memphis and Shelby county alone, we want to aid in the education and prevention of overpopulation. Any animal that leaves our care after the adoption process, will be spayed and neutered before going to their new home.**



With millions of dogs and cats being euthanized every year because of overpopulation, HSMSC continues to be a part of educating the public about the social responsibility in spaying and neutering our pets. To aid in this cause, we offer low-cost spay/neuter clinics to the general public.



**NUMBER OF OFFSPRING  
ONE UNSPAVED CAT  
CAN HAVE OVER 7 YEARS**

We have long stood by the part of our mission statement, that states we want to “promote responsible pet ownership through humane education.” Our mobile spay and neuter clinic, Fido Fixers, was created to help with that cause. To schedule an appt with Fido Fixers, please call 901-937-3918 and leave a message on our hotline.

In addition to aiding in the cause to decrease overpopulation of animals in the city, the Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County, supports the spay and neuter mandate that was passed by the city of Memphis in 2010. The mandate reads as follows: “no person shall own, harbor, or keep within the City of Memphis a dog or cat over the age of six months, which has not been spayed or neutered.” Persons in violation of this mandate will receive a \$50 dollar per day penalty until the dog or cat is spayed or neutered.



### **BENEFITS OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING YOUR PET**

- **Reduces risk of uterine cancer and malignant breast tumors in females.**
- **Prevents testicular cancer and reduces risk of prostate cancer in males.**
- **Females will not go into heat.**
- **Reduces chances that males will wander and get hit by a car.**
- **May decrease behavioral problems that are fueled by territorial/intact instincts.**

SOURCE: <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/spayneuter-your-pet>

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