



Position Statement: Pediatric Spay/Neuter

One Tail at a Time supports pediatric spay/neuter as early as 2 months in the effort to best reduce animal overpopulation, unwanted pregnancies, and ensure compliance with legal obligations. According to the Association of Shelter Veterinarians¹, early age spay/neuter offers many advantages including safe anesthetic and surgical techniques, shorter surgical and recovery times, and avoidance of the stresses and costs associated with spaying while in heat, pregnant or with uterine disease. There are also numerous long-term physical and behavioral health benefits including reduced risk of pyometra and mammary tumors, elimination of testicular and ovarian tumors, and a reduction in undesirable reproductive behaviors. In addition to decreasing overpopulation intact animals are a leading cause of pet relinquishment, so One Tail at a Time supports neutering prior to adoption in the effort to hopefully keep adopted animals in their home.

References:

"Early Age Spay-Neuter 2020.pdf." Association of Shelter Veterinarians, 2020, <https://www.sheltervet.org/assets/docs/position-statements/Early%20Age%20Spay-Neuter%202020.pdf>. Accessed 25 April 2023.