



# Cardinal Animal Hospital

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## WHY SHOULD YOU SPAY YOUR FEMALE DOG?

Spaying your female dog is a surgical procedure usually performed at 6 to 8 months of age. Spaying your dog at this time can provide the following benefits:

- Eliminates unwanted heats and the constant protection from male dogs.
- Eliminates the messy discharge and odor associated with estrus.
- Done prior to the first heat, spaying greatly reduces the risk of mammary cancer.
- Helps control the pet population crisis by avoiding unwanted pregnancies.
- Protects your dog against the risk of ovarian and uterine cancer and infection.

There is no scientific or other evidence that you will in any way benefit from, having a heat and/or litter before spaying. Although hormonal changes after the surgery may temporarily increase her appetite, weight gain can be controlled by adjustment of the type or amount of food given.

Unless you are convinced that you will want to show or breed your puppy, we recommend that you call for a surgical appointment soon. Please call us at 668-9475 if you have any questions regarding this important procedure.