

Why Does Ruff Haven Require **SPAY & NEUTER?**

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Part of our mission is to prevent animals from entering the shelter. Spaying and neutering prevents animals from wandering or giving birth to litters owners can't care for and end up in the shelter.

Spaying and neutering is also a preventative service and one of the best ways to prevent infection of the uterus (pyometra) and testicular cancers and prevents costly surgeries down the road.

Pets at Ruff Haven stay in a kennel/boarder facility or private foster homes.



Animals who are not fixed can't be around other animals while boarding. As a free program, we don't have staff available to provide extra walks and activities. Kenneling 23 hours a day is not healthy for the animal.

We don't have foster families willing to take in unfixed pets. They don't want to have animals in heat or who are humping or marking due to being unsterilized.

Ruff Haven provides hundreds of dollars in free preventative services, such as vaccines, dewormer, medication, etc. Our goal is to keep your pet healthy.

