



Sterilise Your Pets To Prevent Unwanted Litters!

Have you ever been in a situation when you did not know what to do with your pet's newborn litter? Or know of friends who are trying desperately to find homes for their pets' offspring?

Often, the baby animals end up being abandoned when owners cannot cope with them. The best way to prevent this is to sterilise your pets.

Why Sterilise?

Sterilisation, also known as neutering, is a responsible method of preventing unwanted pets. It is a routine surgical procedure to remove the reproductive organs from the animals. Sterilisation can be done on male and female animals such as cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs by a licensed veterinarian. Sterilised pets are less aggressive and more affectionate.

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER, STERILISE YOUR PETS.

Sterilisation Myths Debunked

Myth: The surgery is painful and dangerous for my pet.



Fact: Sterilisation is the most common and routine surgery performed on animals. There are minimal risks if the pet is sterilised by a licensed veterinarian. The pet will not feel much pain as the procedure is performed under general anaesthesia. Most pets recover quickly and are back to normal after 24-48 hours.

Myth: My pet will become fat and lazy after sterilisation.



Fact: Lack of exercise and overfeeding cause the pet to be fat and lazy, not sterilisation. Exercise your pet regularly and monitor its food intake to prevent excessive weight gain.

Myth: Sterilisation is unnecessary. After all, I can easily find new homes for my pet's offspring.



Fact: Many pets are put down each year because there are not enough homes for them. There is no guarantee that suitable homes can be found for your pet's offspring. Do not add on to the number of homeless animals.



Myth: Sterilising my pet is too costly and not worth the while.

Fact: Sterilisation is a once-off procedure that will last the pet's lifetime. The cost of sterilisation is also small compared to the cost of raising a litter of the pet's offspring.

WHO IS AVA?

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, AVA, was established to ensure a resilient supply of safe food, safeguard the health of animals and plants and facilitate agri-trade for Singapore.

AVA CHAMPIONS ANIMAL WELFARE

One of AVA's key goals is to safeguard and promote animal welfare. AVA does this by enforcing strict regulations to protect animals against cruel treatment and educating the public on responsible pet ownership. Through public education efforts such as talks, roadshows, exhibitions and publications, AVA equips potential and existing owners with knowledge on the care and responsibility that comes with owning a pet. AVA also works closely with animal welfare organisations.

These efforts are critical to attaining high standards of pet care and minimising pet abandonment. AVA is committed to ensuring that the continued harmonious co-existence of people and animals in Singapore.

AVA'S ANIMAL WELFARE RESOURCES

AVA's Centre for Animal Welfare and Control (CAWC), is a one stop centre for matters pertaining to animal welfare and control. The public can visit this facility for information on pets and pet care. Talks on responsible pet ownership and publications on animal welfare are available upon request.

AVA's Centre for Animal Welfare and Control is located at:
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For more information on responsible pet ownership, visit CAWC
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