



Funding Low-cost Spay and Neuter Services In Our Community

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Abstract

How can we get every dog to be spayed and neutered at the age of sexual maturity in order to prevent overpopulation in shelters and decrease euthanizations? We conducted a survey on social media to find out what stands in the way of people fixing their dogs. We found out that most people don't get their dogs fixed because of financial reasons.

Introduction

Spaying and neutering is an important procedure. Many people are not aware it is a necessity. Sterilization helps combat overpopulation, homelessness, behavioral issues, and health issues of dogs. By spaying or neutering a dog at the age of sexual maturity, 6 months, an owner can ensure that their pet does not have their first heat cycle. Thus, we can expect the best results for the dog population as a whole.

Research

Our short survey:

1. Do you own dogs?
2. Are all of your dogs spayed/neutered?
3. If your dog(s) are spayed/neutered, were they fixed by the age of 6 months?
4. If your dogs are not spayed/neutered, why are they not fixed?
Options: Financial reasons, I don't believe it is morally right, I want to breed my dog, It's inconvenient for me
5. Do you plan to eventually fix your dog?

Method

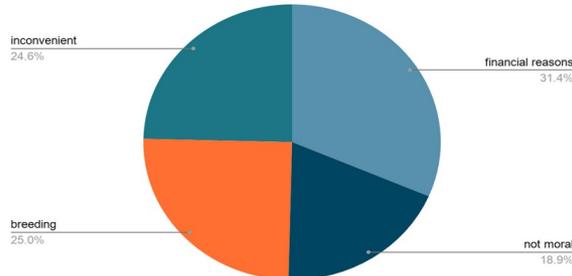
Post the questions of our survey on every group member's Instagram stories. We gave our followers 24 hours to respond to the story, depending whether they chose to participate or not. We collected the data and placed it on a spreadsheet.

Social Experiment

With our survey, we could analyze why dogs are not being fixed at the age of sexual maturity. Half of the respondents did not have their dogs fixed and from those, a majority said the reason was due to financial reasons. Some participants chose to not answer to some of the questions.

Data- 264 responses

Reason For Not Spaying/Neutering



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Solution

Our solution to this problem would be to collaborate with La Habra Animal Hospital to operate a low cost spay and neuter clinic. We would fundraise for the clinic by doing a dog walkathon and dog wash on campus, as well as apply for grants, such as the ASPCA and Petco grants. We will also create an Instagram page to spread information to the public about our clinic and the importance of spaying and neutering dogs.

Future Direction

This research project is far from complete, for it is the stepping stone to finding more specific research in regards to spaying and neutering dogs. We can conduct further research with more accurate conclusions that can increase the number of people who spay & neuter their dogs through lessening the financial burden. The goal is to find various, more efficient ways to combat animal homelessness.

Conclusion

Based on our poll and research, we concluded that the most common reason why pet owners choose to not neuter or spay their dogs is because of how expensive the procedure is. Possible solutions are setting up programs that help decrease the price of spaying and neutering surgeries. A problem we had is when we conducted our poll, some people only answer certain questions and not all of them.

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