

WHAT DOES THE ORDINANCE MEAN?

The implementation of the new Spay and Neuter Ordinance achieves the City Council Goals related to Public Safety and a Positive Environment by:

- Improving public safety by reducing the number of stray dogs roaming the community.
- Dogs or cats found not being cared for in accordance of local or state animal control regulations will be required to be spayed/neutered.
- Responsible pet owners in compliance with all state and local laws are not affected.



**WHY YOU
SHOULD HAVE
YOUR PET
SPAYED/NEUTERED**

- Reduces the number of roaming strays.
- Healthier pets in the community.
- Ensure that all pets are being cared for.
- Reduces unwanted litters and animals.
- Improves public safety.

MORE INFORMATION

Spay and neuter means a dog or cat has been surgically sterilized and can no longer have a litter of puppies or kittens. A spay or neuter is an operation performed by a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of preventing future litters. Females are spayed and males are neutered.

EXEMPTIONS

- Dogs or cats with a high likelihood of suffering serious bodily harm or death as determined by a licensed veterinarian.
- Animals recognized and registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), or other national registry.
- A qualified service dog as identified in Food & Agriculture Section 30850.
- A dog used by law enforcement or the military for enforcement, military and rescue operations.



Help
REDUCE
the number of
STRAY PETS

Get your dog or cat
spayed or neutered

OBJECTIVES
of the new
ORDINANCE

- Reduce the number of homeless and unwanted pets.
- Ensures the same level of care is given to all pets living in Moreno Valley, making the City a safer place for all.
- Reduce the tax burden for responsible pet owners.
- Reduce the euthanasia of unwanted dogs and cats.
- California Health & Safety Code Section 122330 permits cities and counties to take appropriate action aimed at eliminating uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding of animals.

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