

Spay and Neuter Your Pets©

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My all-time favorite billboard said something like this:

SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS
(and your weird friends and relatives)

While I do not necessarily advocate spaying and neutering your weird friends and relatives, I do advocate spaying and neutering your pets. In fact, after spending decades watching wonderful dogs and cats be killed just because nobody wanted them, I consider allowing one's pets to reproduce tantamount to a crime. The fact is that when people allow their pets to reproduce they are actually killing homeless pets because the people that adopt from their litter will not be adopting homeless pets.

People who let their pets reproduce should go to their local animal control shelter and watch homeless cats and dogs being killed (albeit "humanely"). It is a sickening sight which is caused by people who do not spay and neuter their pets. This is an ugly situation to be sure, but people need to recognize it so that it can be stopped. I cannot help but think that if more people saw a homeless pet being killed. "humanely," they would give greater consideration to the consequences of allowing their pets to reproduce and would instead adopt homeless pets.

So many of the homeless pets have ended up homeless through no fault of their own – quite often their owners have fallen ill or died. Such pets make wonderful pets. Older pets are often housebroken so that someone else has already done all of the hard work. These pets deserve better than to spend the last weeks or months of their lives in a cold, scary shelter, only to be killed. As far as I am concerned, nobody's pet should reproduce unless or until all pets have homes.