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How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count The Ways! Top Three Ways to Love Your Pet

Number 3: Spaying/Neutering -- A Change for the Better

You get a healthier pet. Spayed/neutered pets are less likely to get injured in fights or get lost. They live twice as long and are less likely to develop certain cancers. This means lower medical bills.

You get a happier family member. Spay/neutered pets are calmer because they are more focused on being a loving member of the family; and with adequate daily exercise and a reasonable diet, they don't get fat.

Your pet and your house will be cleaner. Spayed females will not have heat cycles that soil your rugs and furniture. Neutered males are less likely to mark furniture and rugs with urine. This means less special cleaning bills.

Spaying or neutering your pet is a good investment. Once you multiply the increased food, basic supplies, veterinarian and advertising costs to find homes for the animals, you will see that the cost of altering your pet is very smart investment.

Number 2: Microchip your pets.

A microchip is a tiny electronic transponder about the size of a grain of rice. The chip is embedded under the pet's skin using a simple, relatively painless procedure similar to a routine vaccination. Each chip bears a 10-digit number that can be traced to the pet's guardian. When your lost pet is found, anyone with a scanner – animal care and control agencies, adoption centers, veterinary clinics – can quickly reunite the family.

Microchips are available from veterinarians, some vaccination clinics, and public shelters at an average cost of \$15 to \$75, sometimes with additional registration fees. Los Angeles City Shelters include a microchip for all dogs adopted from City Shelters. We also microchip non-shelter animals for \$25.

And the Number 1 Way To Love Your Pet: Get Your Dog Licensed NOW!

Make sure your dog's license is current because it protects your dog if he/she accidentally gets out and gets lost. License tags give you the peace of mind to know that Los Angeles Animal Services will be able to reunite you with your pet if she/he is turned in by a Good Samaritan or is picked up by one of our officers. It is not only a great safety net for your dog, it is the law.

Do not delay; get your dog a license TODAY!

- Fees: Spayed or Neutered: \$20.00 with proof of rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neuter.
- Not Spayed or Neutered (if qualified): \$100 license plus \$235 breeder's permit fee.

Call the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services at 888-452-7381 (TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit our website at www.LAAnimalServices.com to find out how you can get your dog license today.

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