

Your pet will thank you.

FAQ

Why should I spay or neuter my pet?

Dogs that are not fixed are prone to undesirable and dangerous behavior. Unaltered dogs are more likely to urinate on carpet and furniture, and are also more likely to bite or attack other animals. Also, fixing animals before their first heat cycle greatly reduces the chance of numerous cancers and improves health and wellbeing of the animal. It prevents unwanted litters and financial cost to you, and saves countless lives. In short, spaying and neutering can help your dog live a longer, happier life and make your life easier as well.

How old should a dog be to get spayed or neutered?

Many vets spay or neuter dogs at least two months old and weighing at least two pounds. By five months of age, all dogs should be fixed and prevent unwanted litters and provide lasting health benefits. Vets may require blood work or other preoperative tests for animals eight years or older. This is to ensure senior pets are healthy enough to undergo surgery.

My dog is pregnant; can she still be spayed?

Most vets will agree to spay if the dog is early enough into the pregnancy. However, this choice is often left up to each individual vet.

CONTACT US

Our free spay and neuter program is provided by Franklin County Animal Care & Control for Franklin County households with limited income.

For assistance, contact us at
(614) 525-5454
or email us at
spayneuter@franklincountyohio.gov

Monday - Friday: 11 am to 7 pm
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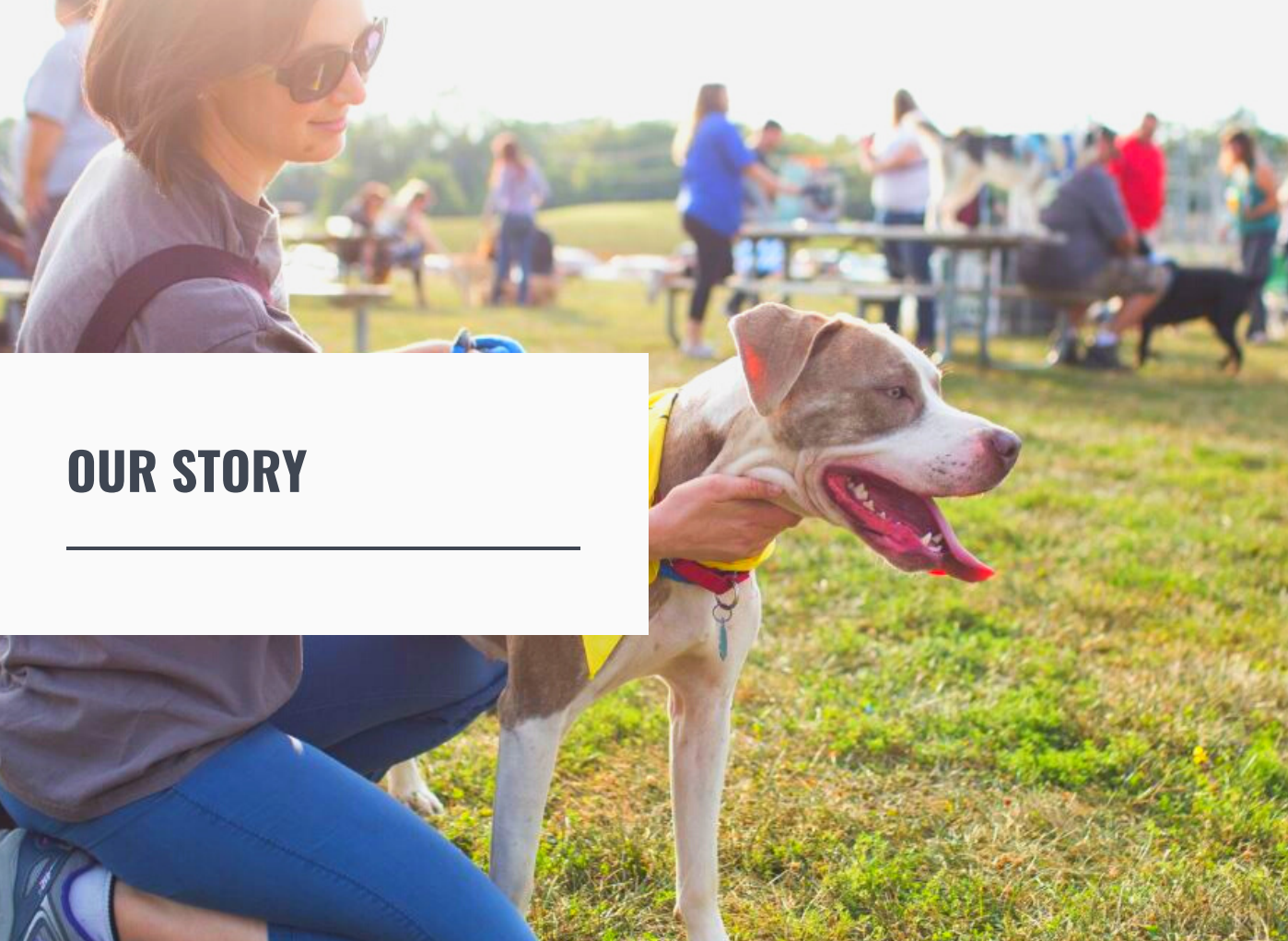


FREE spay/neuter program for dogs & puppies
****For Limited Income Households**



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OUR STORY

This innovative program is funded solely by private donations from Franklin County residents. It was created by former Assistant Director Debbie Finelli for the benefit of the community using zero tax dollars. To donate, please visit our donation page or add a donation when you renew your dog license online.

We're here to assist you with a free service that will pay off for a lifetime.

INFORMATION

THE FACTS

Spaying your female or neutering your male can prevent unwanted puppies. Getting your pet fixed will also reduce marking, aggressive and nuisance behaviors, and can prevent or reduce incidence of certain types of cancer, helping your pet live a longer, healthier life.

RISK OF CANCER IN YOUR PETS

Spaying females prior to their first heat cycle nearly eliminates the risk of breastcancer and totally prevents uterine infections and uterine cancer. Neutering males prevents testicular cancer and enlargement of the prostate gland, and greatly reduces their risk for perianal tumors.

