

Hesperia Municipal Code

Any dog found at large, running loose, or unrestrained off the owner's property may be impounded by animal services. If such dog is properly licensed, the first offense shall allow the dog to be returned to the owner without being spayed or neutered. The second violation shall require such dog to be spayed or neutered at the owner's expense. If such dog is not properly licensed, they will be spayed or neutered and licensed at the owner's expense.

A person found to be in violation of any provision of this Title, including licensing under Section 6.04.010, and/or Section 16.20.690 related to the number of animals allowed to be kept on property, shall require those animal(s) subject to the violation to be spayed or neutered, and (dogs) licensed, at the owner's expense.

(Section 6.08.020DE - Control of Animals)



Contact your local veterinarian or Hesperia Animal Services for information on low cost spay and neuter programs.



How having your pet altered is beneficial

(Healthy dogs and cats can be altered as early as 4 months)

- ◆ Lower license fees
 - Unaltered dog = \$70 a year
 - Altered dog = \$13 a year
- ◆ Altered animals have a tendency to stay home instead of roaming the streets looking for a mate.
- ◆ In 6 years, one female dog or cat and her offspring can be the source of 67,000 puppies/kittens.
- ◆ Rids you of worrying about unplanned litters.
- ◆ Altered cats are less likely to spray and mark territory.
- ◆ Females in heat can cry incessantly, show nervous behavior and attract unwanted male animals.
- ◆ Unaltered animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems, while altered animals are calmer and more affectionate.
- ◆ Altered pets lead healthier, longer lives.
- ◆ Altering a pet eliminates the chance of certain cancers.

Why should you adopt a shelter pet?

- ◆ Shelters are overburdened and as a result 4-6 million dogs and cats per year are euthanized.
- ◆ Taxpayers spend an estimated \$1 billion annually to manage the pet overpopulation problem.
- ◆ There is always a wonderful selection of pure-bred (roughly 1 in 4) and mixed-breed animals available.
- ◆ When adopting an adult or older puppy/kitten, temperament and personality testing will be more accurate.



Spay & Neuter Myths

MYTH: It is better to have one litter before spaying a female pet.

FACT: Medical evidence indicates females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier.

MYTH: I want my children to experience the miracle of birth.

FACT: The miracle of birth is quickly overshadowed by the thousands of animals euthanized in shelters all across the country. Teach children all life is precious by spaying and neutering your pets.

MYTH: I want my dog to be protective.

FACT: It is a dog's natural instinct to protect home and family. A dog's personality is formed by genetics and environment, not hormones.

MYTH: I don't want my male dog or cat to feel like less of a male.

FACT: Pets don't have any concept of sexual identity or ego. Neutering will not change a pet's basic personality. They don't suffer any kind of emotional reaction or identity crisis when neutered.

MYTH: My pet will get fat and lazy.

FACT: Pets get fat and lazy because their owners feed them too much and don't give them enough exercise.

Wallie
Shelter Mascot



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Hours of Operation

Tuesday - Thursday: 10 - 5
Friday - Saturday: 10 - 4

(Adoption kennels close last 15 minutes of business day)

Online License Services

licensepet.com/wl3/reghespwl



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SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS

