



Association of Shelter Veterinarians

High-Quality, High-Volume, Spay-Neuter Programs

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The Association of Shelter Veterinarians believes that high-quality, high-volume, spay-neuter programs serve an important role in preventing reproduction and reducing subsequent animal overpopulation. Such programs provide sterilization for underserved animal populations including those that are free-roaming, reside with shelters or rescue organizations, or belong to owners otherwise unable to access veterinary care. Spay-neuter programs aim to provide easily accessible service to a segment of the population not traditionally served by private practice veterinary hospitals. Therefore, both types of organizations can thrive in a given community. All spay-neuter programs should follow The Association of Shelter Veterinarians Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs.¹

Reference

1. Looney AL, Bohling MW, Bushby PA, et al. The Association of Shelter Veterinarians veterinary medical care guidelines for spay-neuter programs. *J Am Vet Med Assoc*, 233(1):74-86, 2008.