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# Non-Surgical Contraception

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The Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV) supports the development of non-surgical sterilization and contraceptive methods. These methods should be proven safe and effective through appropriately structured scientific research, published in peer-reviewed veterinary literature, and approved through designated regulatory channels. Since there are currently no products which meet the above criteria, surgical gonadectomy is recommended for animals being adopted from shelters. The ASV believes that non-surgical sterilization and contraception methods will become essential components of a comprehensive, humane approach to animal population control.

## Resources:

Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs: <http://www.acc-d.org>.

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ASV is to advance and  
support the practice  
of shelter medicine  
in order to improve  
community animal  
health and well-being.