

OPERATION SPAY GRAY

As a result of our fundraising efforts in connection with the Hair of the Dog 5K Race, we are able to offer spay/neuter reimbursements to the public. It is our intention to reduce the amount of weimaraners that are unwanted, being turned into shelters, and/or euthanized throughout our community and to keep healthy those weimaraners that are wanted and loved. This program is geared toward individuals who do not have the financial means to have their weimaraners spayed or neutered. TSWR believes in the importance of spaying and neutering not only to save the lives of weimaraners but to insure their good health. In order to participate you must qualify. Please read the rules below:

1. Your dog must be a purebred weimaraner over the age of 18 months. (If proof of date of birth can not be provided, we will age the dog from a photo.)
2. To participate you must live in NJ, DE or PA. You must provide proof of residence such as a copy of drivers' license or utility bill.
3. The weimaraner must belong to the participant.
4. You must first register and be pre-approved prior to reimbursement.
5. Participants will be reimbursed in the following amounts:

Up to \$150.00 for any purebred male Weimaraner
Up to \$200.00 for any purebred female Weimaraner

You will only be reimbursed for the price of the surgery and associated routine costs which would include, anesthesia, pain relief medication, and antibiotics if needed, additional expenses for including but not limited to, hernia surgery, prolapsed uterus, teeth cleaning, vaccinations, blood work, etc. will not be reimbursable.
6. You must provide a itemized receipt indicating that a spay/neuter took place, the date of the surgery, your name and address, the dog's name, breed and age. You must also email us with a current photo of your dog (we will use these for promotional purposes as well).
7. You may choose whatever veterinarian you want. If you chose a vet that charges more than the allotted amount of the reimbursement you do so at your own expense.
8. Up to two weimaraners per family can apply depending on availability of funds.
9. The funds which were put aside for this program were obtained through donations. We reserve the right to discontinue the program at any time and resume same at any time we feel appropriate. A situation wherein the discontinuation of the program might happen might be wherein an emergency arises where a dog is in need of medical attention and the rescue board

feels that we need to discontinue the program in order to use the funds to assist in that dog's medical care.

10. If we feel a need to discontinue the program, any participant who has registered and been approved and already had their dog's surgery completed will be reimbursed. Others who have registered but have not had the surgery may be notified that we no longer have the funds to reimburse them but that they will be considered first when and if we decide to resume the program.

11. Once you submit your registration you will receive an email within 14 days indicating whether or not you are approved for the program. If you qualify, you will have 60 days from the date of approval to have the surgery completed, except under extenuating circumstances where it is not possible to perform the surgery before the 60 days.

12. This program is not retroactive. Your weim must be spayed or neutered after the date your registration is approved.

13. The rescue is in no way liable for any medical issues or complications due to the spay/neuter surgery and takes no responsibility whatsoever for same.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

Why Spay or Neuter?

- To end pet overpopulation - About 70,000 cats and kittens are born daily in the U.S. Approximately 60% are killed in shelters. By spaying and neutering your pets, you can help save lives and reduce the need for more animal shelters - thereby saving tax dollars.
- To improve your pet's health - Neutering a male cat or dog by six months of age prevents testicular cancer, prostate disease, and hernias. Spaying a female cat or dog prevents pyometra (an infected uterus) and breast cancer. Having this done before the first heat offers the best protection from these diseases. Breast cancer is fatal in about 50% of female dogs and 90% of female cats. With an older, seriously ill animal, anesthesia and surgery are complicated and costly.
- To improve your pet's behavior - In female cats and dogs, spaying eliminates "heat" periods, which include bloody discharges in dogs, and frantic pacing and wailing in both dogs and cats. Neutering male dogs and cats usually stops them from spraying foul-smelling urine, stops embarrassing mounting behavior, reduces their aggressiveness, and reduces their desire to roam far and wide in search of a mate.
- To reduce expenses - Owners of unneutered male cats and dogs often incur large veterinary bills as a result of fighting with other animals, or getting hit by a car as they search for a mate. Owners of unspayed female cats and dogs must care for mothers who have difficult pregnancies, and should start the kittens' or puppies' shots. In many locations, owners of spayed or neutered cats and dogs receive a discount on local licensing fees.

Myth: Altering makes a dog fat.

FACT: Spaying or neutering at the youngest possible age—before the dog has reached sexual maturity—generally has no effect whatsoever on weight. Dogs who undergo the surgery after reaching sexual maturity may show an increased appetite because altering affects hormone balance. However, dogs who are fat are usually fat because they are fed too much and/or do not get enough exercise.

Myth: Altering makes a dog lazy.

FACT: Neutering reduces a male dog's desire to roam (often over long distances) to find female dogs in heat, and altering can somewhat reduce a dog's energy level. Altering does not make dogs lazy. Altered dogs are as playful and energetic as intact dogs.

Myth: Altering changes a dog's personality.

FACT: The only personality changes that result from spaying or neutering are the positive changes described above—no roaming, less tendency to mark territory, and less aggression. Aside from these changes, your dog will be no less like himself than humans are after undergoing vasectomy or oophorectomy (removal of the ovaries).

Myth: *My dog has a right to experience sex.*

FACT: Sex, for a dog, is nothing more than the result of a powerful instinctive drive to reproduce. People who worry about this issue are usually over-identifying with their dog. This is an excuse often presented by men, who cringe at the very idea of castration—even though it is a painless surgical procedure being performed on their dog, not on them.

Myth: *It's a good thing for our children to see the miracle of birth.*

FACT: Bringing more puppies into a world already overburdened with thousands of homeless dogs is not the best way to show your children the birth process. You might also want to consider that if you allow your dog to have puppies so that your children can observe the miracle of birth, you should also take your children to an animal shelter, so they can observe the sad results—the thousands of dogs who are killed every day because no one will give them a home.