



FACA Policy Statement

Sterilization

To reduce pet overpopulation and free-roaming animals, The Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) urges local governments and protection agencies to institute or support programs that encourage owners of dogs and cats to have their pets sterilized. FACA supports the concept of early (8 -16 weeks of age) sterilization of dogs and cats, in an effort to stem overpopulation problems in these species.

FACA supports sterilizing animals prior to relinquishing custody to the new owner pursuant to FL Statutes, Chapter 823.15. Owners of stray animals should be offered low-cost spay and neuter prior to reclaim or educated on the benefits of spaying and neutering of an unaltered animal. Agencies should strive to offer high quality and low-cost spay and neuter services for the community they serve. If an agency is unable to offer these services, they should partner with area veterinarians to provide low-cost spay and neuter and/or provide a comprehensive list of qualified veterinarians in the community that offer spay and neuter services.

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