



# Sterilization & Microchipping

## Sterilization (Castration/Spaying)

Spaying or castration is important for your new kitten. In females, spaying eliminates the risk of ovarian cancer and uterine infection. It also vastly decreases the chance of breast cancer; however, for each heat cycle your kitten experiences the benefit from spaying is reduced. Therefore, we highly recommend spaying at 6 months of age, before your cat goes into her first heat. Castrating male kittens will eliminate the chance of testicular cancer, and urine spraying behavior. We advise -performing this procedure at six months of age. Should your kitten have baby teeth that have not fallen out by the time of its castration/spay, we will advise surgically removing them, as retained baby teeth can cause problems later in life. We also recommend implanting a microchip into your kitten at the time these procedures are performed, so that should your kitten ever slip out of the house or get away, the chances of being reunited with you will be increased.



## Microchipping

A lost feline companion is a frightening situation with often devastating consequences. This is why we consider HomeAgain microchip lost pet IDs a fundamental way to protect your pet and an important part of responsible pet ownership. Each microchip registers your cat with a unique identification number, which is filed in a database with your contact information. The contact information can be updated any time, and it is important to remember to do so whenever your information changes. If your pet is lost, the microchip can be scanned by animal control officers, at shelters and at veterinary hospitals in the U.S. and in many foreign countries. This safe, reliable and permanent pet identification takes less than 10 seconds to implant and can save you and your feline friend days, weeks or more of fear and anguish.