

Alternatives To Mandatory Spay/Neuter Legislation

1. Provide lists of pet-friendly housing in the area.
2. Provide information on responsible pet ownership.
3. Provide lists of trainers to help owners with behavioral problems and for general obedience training.
4. Provide city- or county-sponsored low-cost or free spay/neuter programs, including aggressive community education on the importance of voluntary spay/neuter. According to the Animal Population Control Study Commission, Minnesota Legislature, for every dollar invested in municipally operated spay/neuter clinics, taxpayers will save \$18.72 in future animal control costs over a ten-year period.
5. Provide low cost community educational clinics on proper pet care as a preventive measure for both children and adults.
6. Create community projects, such as dog parks and dog shows/events that spark interest in dogs and the human/animal bond.
7. Create and install a Dog Advisory Council to identify dog issues in the community as recommended by The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). An advisory council or task force that represents a wide spectrum of community concerns and perspectives creates a source of support for program initiatives.