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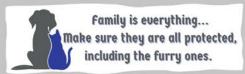
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Love is in the Air, Ya'll

Well, folks, it's that time of year again! February has rolled around, and you know what that means. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Love is in the air, and so is the scent of roses, which can be a lot more romantic than the smell of fried chicken that usually wafts through my kitchen.

Now, let's not kid ourselves. Valentine's Day can be a real doozy. It's a day that puts pressure on every fella out there to pull off the perfect romantic gesture. You've got to find a gift that dazzles. So, whip up a candlelit dinner, or remember to make that reservation at the restaurant where the prices are as high as my Aunt Edna's hair on a humid summer day. And if you think a box of chocolates will cut it, think again! If your sweetheart has been hinting at a new gadget or a cozy blanket, you best take notes. Or you just might find yourself in the doghouse faster than a hound chasing a squirrel.

Now, let's not forget our single friends. They're gearing up for Galentine's Day, a celebration of friendship that's just as important as any romantic dinner. Nothing says "I love myself" quite like a night filled with good friends, laughter, and maybe a little too much wine. So, raise your glass to self-love, because it's just as crucial as any lovey-dovey dinner.

As I sit here sipping my sweet tea, I'm reminded that love isn't all about grand gestures. Sometimes, it's the little things that count. You know, the handwritten notes tucked under pillows, the surprise plate of fried chicken after a long day, or just holding hands while watching the sunset. Those are the moments that stick with us like the last bite of pecan pie. Sweet and unforgettable.

So, as we march toward Valentine's Day, let's take a moment to appreciate the connections that make our hearts sing. Whether you're in love, out of love, or just in love with life, remember that love is not just a day on the calendar.

It's a way of life. Happy Valentine's Day, y'all!

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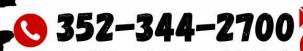
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8 unique Valentine's Day gift ideas

Gifting is a key component of Valentine's Day celebrations every February 14. Valentine's Day is a mere month-and-a-half after the holiday season, so ideas for more thoughtful gifts may be in short supply. Let these Valentine's day gift ideas serve as inspiration.

- Custom painted portrait: Many local artists paint beautiful portraits from photographs. Find an image you like and have it made into an even more impressive work of art.
- Doll likeness: The well known Funko POP! brand known for its pop culture figurines enables customers to create likenesses of themselves or loved ones. You can have custom dolls made in your sweetheart's likeness.
- 3. Preserved roses: While fresh roses may only last a few days to a week, preserved or "eternity" roses are treated and specially packaged so they can endure and serve as lasting, welcome reminders of Valentine's Day love.
- 4. Journal or scrapbook: A decorative scrapbook or journal enables your special someone to keep track of moments spent together and key milestones.
- First date map: Gift a framed picture of a map marked with the specific location of your first date, whether it was a restaurant, park or museum.
- 6. Birthstone jewelry: Jewelry is a popular gift on Valentine's Day. Make gifts even more special by finding pieces that include your special someone's birthstone. The American Gem Society offers a handy chart at www.americangemsociety.org/birthstones/.
- 7. Experiential gifts: Experiential gifts may be just what is needed this Valentine's Day. Some options include a couple's cooking class, tickets to a sports game or concert, a vacation to a romantic locale, or a day or night out on the town.
- Prepare a favorite recipe: Learn what your loved one enjoys
 eating the most and then recreate the recipe as a thoughtful
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This Valentine's Day, people can consider these unique thoughtful gift ideas.





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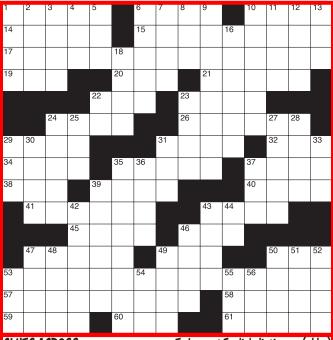
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- 23. Mongol leader Genghis
- 24. Turfs
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- 32. Part of a play
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- 39. Valley
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- 43. Flightless Australian birds
- 45. Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
- 46. US spy group
- 47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
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The teacher said, "Well, that isn't entirely correct, because sometimes it's gray and cloudy." Another student says, "Grass is definitely green." The teacher again replies " If grass doesn't get enough water it turns brown, so that really isn't correct either."

Finally, Billy raises his hand and asks the teacher, "Do farts have lumps?"

The teacher looked at him and said, "No... But that isn't really a question you want to ask in a class discussion."

So Billy replies, "Then I definitely just crapped my pants."



Cherry-almond ice cream is a scoop above the rest

lce cream is a beloved dessert. The extraordinary number of flavor combinations that can be achieved simply by mixing together a few ingredients undoubtedly contributes to the popularity of ice cream.

For those partial to cherries and almonds, there's nothing better than combining those flavors in this recipe for "No-Churn Cherry Bakewell Ice Cream" from "Jane's Patisserie" (Sourcebooks) by Jane Dunn.

No-Churn Cherry Bakewell Ice Cream Serves 10

200 grams pitted cherries (about 1 cup)

milliliters double (heavy) cream (about 2 cups) 450

397 grams condensed milk (14 ounces)

teaspoon almond extract

1/2 teaspoon pink food coloring (optional)

Cherries and toasted flaked almonds, to serve

Add the pitted cherries to a blender and blitz until smooth. Pass through a sieve to remove any lumps and set aside. Pour the cream into a bowl and whip to soft peaks. Put the condensed milk, almond extract, pink food coloring (if using) and pur'ed cherries into a separate bowl and stir to combine, then pour the mixture into a container, like a large loaf tin. Freeze for at least 5 to 6 hours, or preferably overnight so it has time to get the correct texture. Remove from the freezer about 20 minutes before serving to allow it to soften slightly. Scoop into bowls and serve topped with fresh cherries and toasted flaked almonds.

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22nd

Celebrate Hernando County's 182nd Birthday at Heritage Day! Location: Brooksville Train Depot & Countryman One-Room Schoolhouse at 70 Russell St. Brooksville, FL from 9am-3pm. This annual celebration, hosted by the Hernando Historical Museum Association, features: Period Costume Contest, Pie Baking Contest, Face Painting, Live Music, Bake Sale, Old-Fashioned Games, Vendors offering unique goods and crafts. For More Information: Call 352-410-3126 Come celebrate our rich heritage, enjoy a day of family-friendly activities, and help make Hernando County's 182nd birthday unforgettable! See you there!

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To have your free community event or an event where the proceeds go to support a local not for profit mentioned on the Community Board there is no cost. All submissions need to be received no later than the 18th of the month to ensure they will be published in the following edition. We do have to keep the mention to a 4-6 line maximum (approx-imately 90 words) to ensure we have room to list everyone's events. If your event is to support your private business, then please see page 4 for our advertising rates.

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Strategies to manage and tame stress

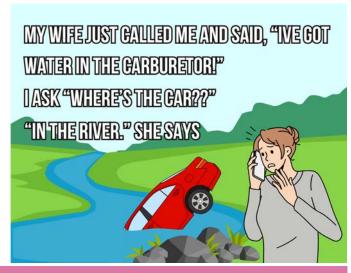
Stress is a part of life. In small doses, stress can have a positive effect. But when stress is chronic, it can take its toll on the body and mind. Stress can make people irritable and cause them to lash out at others. Stress also can contribute to high blood pressure and adversely affect sleep. When confronting chronic stress, individuals may have to take action to find relief. These stress-busting strategies can help.

- ~ Engage in physical activity. The Mayo Clinic says any form of exercise can help relieve stress. Physical activity boosts chemicals in the brain and endorphins that help a person feel good. Exercise also can refocus attention so a person is not preoccupied with a stressful thought or situation.
- ~ Listen to music. Music can be calming and serve as a distraction from stressful feelings. Simply listening to music can be a quick fix for a stressful situation and a bad mood.
- ~ Review your lifestyle. It's easy to take on too much, but doing so can lead to feelings of being overwhelmed, says the Mental Health Foundation. Prioritizing some things over others and delegating when possible can tame stress.
- Practice mindfulness. Breathing and mindfulness exercises can be practiced anywhere. Research has shown that mindfulness can reduce the effects of stress and anxiety. Deep breathing and being in a quiet moment when stress peaks may help to reduce stress.
- ~ Step away for a few minutes. If possible, step away from a stressful situation, whether it is a difficult project at work or a loud room with a lot of activity going on. Many people find commuting stressful. Changing the route to one that avoids busy roads, even if it takes a bit longer to get from point A to point B, might help.
- Talk it out. Sometimes connecting with others and sharing experiences can help to relieve stress. Keeping feelings in and fixating on a situation may exacerbate feelings of stress. Social situations that encourage talking and laughing can lighten a person's mental load, says the Mayo Clinic.
- Don't turn to substances. Alcohol and drugs may temporarily relieve stress, but this approach can lead to addiction and even worsen the physical and mental toll stress takes on the body.

Stress is a part of life, but finding ways to manage chronic stress is vital to long-term health.







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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 11 = R)

A. 15 6 5 11 10

Clue: Pumps in chest

B. 13 5 11 14 3 4 23 5 12 13 20 1 5 11

Clue: Having to do with the heart

C. 2 11 6 12 12 20 11 6

Clue: Force of blood moving through body

D. 23 6 12 12 6 1

Clue: Vein or artery

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.





Answers: 1. Heart below card is upside down $\, 2 \,$ Missing red pattern on right wine glass $\, 3 \,$ Card has message $\, 4 \,$ Chocolates replace heart confetti

Answers: A. heart

B. cardiovascular

C. pressure

D. vesse





This activity is a popular hobby that enables people to interact with and observe wildlife.

Answer: Bird feeding

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.

The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.

The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY FEBRUARY 5

62: An earthquake strikes in Pompeii, Italy.

1852: The New Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia, opens to the public.

1924: The Royal Greenwich Observatory begins broadcasting the hourly time signals.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

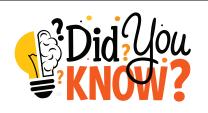
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FLEDGLING
a young bird that is learning to fly

Answer: Nibbles on seeds



English: Seed Spanish: Semilla Italian: Seme French: Graine German: Samen



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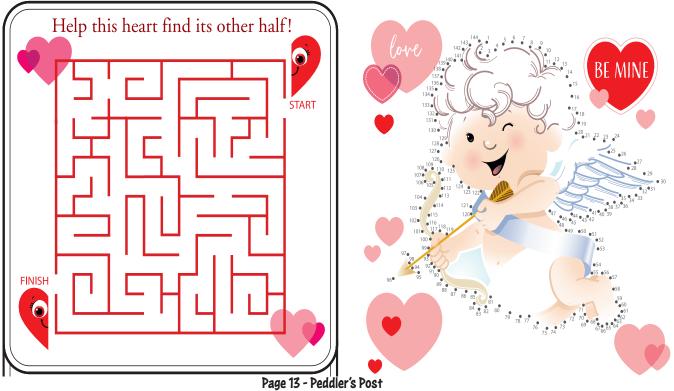


Answer: Hummingbird

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6 eggs 3 egg whites 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced Dash cayenne pepper

breakfast turkey sausage links, casings removed cup shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend 3/4 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles, drained whole wheat tortillas (8 inches), warmed 6

6 tablespoons salsa

1. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, egg whites, jalapeno and cayenne; set aside.

2. Crumble sausage into a large skillet; cook over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain. Push sausage to the sides of pan. Pour egg mixture into center of pan. Cook and stir until set. Sprinkle with cheese and chiles. Remove from the heat, cover and let stand until cheese is melted.

3. Place 1/3 cup mixture off center on each tortilla. Fold sides and end over filling; roll up. Top with salsa.



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Solve the code to discover words related to low vision.

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(Hint: 5 = \$)

A. 7 19 6 20 26 20 25 5 5

Clue: Not being able to see

B. 25 3 25 5

Clue: Enable sight

C. 16 6 5 6 2 20

Clue: State of being able to see

D. 4 19 8 5 5 25 5

Clue: Help with sight

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Answers: A. blindness

B. eyes C. vision D. glasses

February Days Past



February 1st 1587 Queen Elizabeth I of England signs death warrant for her cousin, Mary, Queen of Scots

February 2nd 1954 "The Nutcracker" ballet choreographed by George Balanchine with Maria Tallchief as the Sugar Plum Fairy opens in New York, establishes its popularity in the US

February 3rd 1863 Samuel Clemens first uses the pen name Mark Twain in a Virginia City newspaper, the "Territorial Enterprise"

February 4th 211 Roman Emperor Septimius Severus dies in Eboracum (York) in England, leaving the Roman Empire in the hands of his two sons, Caracalla and Geta



February 5th 1852 The Hermitage Museum in St.

Petersburg first opens to the public with Catherine the Great's collection of 4,000 paintings forming its core collection

February 6th 1899 Spanish--American War ends, peace treaty ratified by Sen ate February 7th 1845 The Portland Vase, thought to date to the 1st century BC is shat-

tered into more than 80 pieces by a drunken visitor to the British Museum

February 8th 1587 Mary, Queen of Scots, is beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle aged 44 after being convicted of plotting to assassinate Elizabeth I

February 9th 1870 US President Ulysses S Grant signs law resulting in US Army Signal Service's establishment of its "Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce", later known as the National Weather Service

February 10th 1870 City of Anaheim in California incorporates for the 1st time, but disincorporates after two years as the tax burden was too high

February 11th 1916 Emma Goldman arrested for lecturing on birth control



February 12th 1947 French fashion designer Christian Dior presents his first influential collection, named the "New Look"

February 13th 1258 Baghdad, then a city of 1 million, falls to the Mongols as the Abbasid Caliphate is destroyed, tens of thousands slaughtered, ending the Islamic Golden Age

February 14th 1929 Saint Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago, seven gangsters are killed, allegedly on Al Capone's orders

February 15th 399 BC Philosopher Socrates is sentenced to death by the city of Athens for corrupting the minds of the youth of the city and for impiety
February 16th 1923 Howard Carter opens the inner burial chamber of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankha-

mun's tomb and finds the sarcophagus

February 17th 1865 Columbia in South burns down during the American Civil War February 18th 1885 Mark Twain publishes the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in the US February 19th 1906 Will Keith Kellogg joins Charles D. Bolin in founding the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company, now the multinational food manufacturer Kellogg's February 20th 1792 US postal service created, postage 6-12 cents depending on distance





February 21st 1804 The world's first steam locomotive, built by Richard Trevithick, runs for the first time along the tramway of the Penydarren Ironworks in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales February 22nd 1632 Galileo Galilei's book "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems" is published comparing the Copernican and Ptolemaic systems and whether the Earth orbits the sun

February 23rd 1945 US Marines raise the flag of the United States on top of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. Pulitzer Prize winning photo of which by Joe Rosenthall later became iconic,

inspiring the Marine Corps War Memorial sculpture

February 24th 1942 The "Battle of Los Angeles" takes place, a series of anti-aircraft engagements over the city in response

to a rumored but false Japanese attack. It would last until the morning of the following day. February 25th 1570 Pius V excommunicates Queen Elizabeth I of England for heresy and persecution of English Catholics during her reign. Also absolves her subjects from allegiance to the crown.

February 26th 1797 Bank of England issues first £1 note

February 27th 1693 The first women's magazine "Ladies' Mercury", is published in London February 28th 1953 Francis Crick and James Watson discover the chemical structure of

DNA-molecule (double-helix polymer) using studies of x-ray diffraction developed by Rosalind Franklin and Maurice Wilkins February 29th 1692 First people are accused of witchcraft, and arrested in Salem, Massachusetts - Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne, and Tituba, a West Indian slave





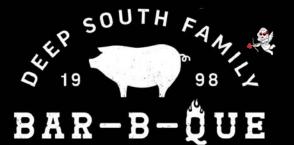






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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racquet sport group (abbr.)
- 4. Norse god of thunder
- 8. Russian industrial city
- 10. What's good for the __
- 11. Round-ish shape
- 12. Baltimore MLBer
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Burned with water
- 16. Intestinal issue
- 17. Take the lead
- 18. Prove oneself worthy
- **21.** None
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. Swiss river
- 24. Gymnast Raisman
- 25. Baby's dining accessory
- 26. Canadian beer distributor
- 27. Iconic American tourist destination
- 34. More expansive
- 35. Alert
- 36. Popular boots Doc __
- 37. Showings
- 38. Conclusion
- 39. Share a common boundary
- 40. Shooting sport
- 41. Popular side dish
- 42. Global energy firm
- 42. Global ellergy 1111
- 43. Chronicles (abbr.)

- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Heavenly body
- 4. Hard workers
- 5. Covered
- 6. Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- 7. Plant of the grass family
- 9. Island person of the Bering Sea
- 10. Storehouse
- 12. Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
- 14. A pituitary hormone
- 15. Female sibling
- 17. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 19. Empowering
- 20. Space station
- 23 Disorder
- 24. State of fuss
- 25. Footwear for babies
- 26. Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- 27. Droves
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Male parent
- 30. Utter obscenities
- 31. Type of verse
- 32. Unpleasant person
- 33. One who settles down
- 34. Founder of source-based history
- 36. A way to snarl

I went to Barnes & Noble and asked the girl at the info desk for a book about turtles.

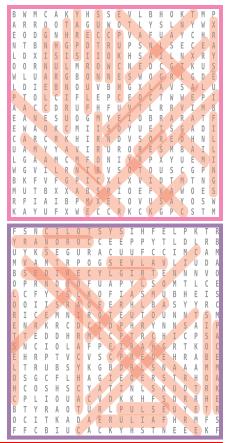
"Hardback?" she asked.

"Yeah," I said, "and little heads."



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Attract winged friends with these bird feeders

Birds are beautiful creatures that can make a lawn and garden feel even more serene. Providing snacks to supplement what birds naturally find in the wild guarantees up close and personal interactions with the scores of species that call neighborhoods home. Bird feeders are particularly important in colder climates and during wintertime when food may be scarce. Keeping birds well fed helps them survive over winter and continue to repopulate in the spring. Bird feeding isn't all for the birds, either. Ashley Dayer, an associate professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech, argues that feeding birds also is a benefit to humans because it stimulates compassion for the animals.

The type of bird feeder a person places in the yard determines which species may be drawn to the property. The following are various types of feeders to consider.

Suet feeders ~ Suet cakes are high-energy food sources that attract birds like woodpeckers and nuthatches. They are particularly beneficial in colder months or regions where birds need extra fat for energy. These cage-like feeders snap around the rectangular suet cake and hang from a pole or tree.

Ground feeder ~ Ground feeders are simple screen-bottomed trays that sit several inches off of the ground or on a deck to help keep seeds and grain from coming in contact with droppings. Ground feeders are a favorite of juncos, sparrows, goldfinches, and cardinals, among others.

Sugar water feeder ~ These feeders come in different shapes, from tubes to round dishes, and are magnets to hummingbirds. They typically have red coloring to be more attractive to those high-speed flyers.

Nyjer bird feeder ~ Small birds like goldfinches love to dine on nyjer seeds, which are tiny, black thistle seeds. These feeders are tube-shaped mesh socks designed to hold this specific seed. The small feeding ports prevent seed waste and cater to the small beaks of finches. Hopper bird feeder ~ These are the feeders many people think of when they envision bird feeders. Hopper bird feeders hold a large amount of seed and often have a roof or a design that mimics a house or barn. The covered design helps to keep seeds dry and might be the best hanging feeder for people who live in areas with a lot of rain. Hoppers will attract blue jays, grackles, cardinals, and blackbirds.

Tube feeders ~ Tube feeders will attract an array of birds. They are cylindrical in shape with various ports to enable birds to perch and feed.

Window and smart bird feeders ~ These types of bird feeders attach to windows to allow homeowners to view the birds up close.

Smart varieties have cameras on the feeders that will send a feed via an app to a smart phone or computer. Some even may identify the bird species on the feeder at any given point in time.

Bird feeders provide enjoyment for bird watchers and nutritious food various species.





6 benefits of spaying and neutering

Each year millions of dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters because of overpopulation. Just a few years ago, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, shelters were emptied out as pet adoptions reached all-time highs. Now that offices have reopened and people have returned to work and other activities, pets increasingly are being surrendered to shelters again, once more leading to overtaxed shelters and other facilities.

Overburdened shelters also are made worse by litters of animals born to unsterilized parents. The American Veterinary Medical Association says spaying and neutering are important tools for preventing unplanned or unwanted litters, and reducing pet overpopulation. Most experts agree there is little benefit to leaving pets' reproductive systems intact. Even family pets can get loose and mate unintentionally. The following are six notable benefits to spaying or neutering a pet.

- 1. Prevent the conception and birth of unwanted animals.
- 2. The ASPCA says spaying prevents uterine infections and decreases the incidence of breast tumors, which are malignant or cancerous in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying a pet before the first heat offers the best measure of protection.
- 3. Neutering male animals prevents testicular cancer if done before six months of age.
- 4. Neutered animals are less likely to roam and become nuisances. Female cats can go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. While in heat they will yowl and urinate frequently. Males will be on the prowl for females and can get into fights. Spaying and neutering reduces these tendencies.
- 5. Neutering and spaying is a lot less costly than having and caring for a litter. It also prevents medical treatment from being needed in the event a pet gets into a fight over mating.
- 6. Although the surgery will reduce some undesirable behaviors, it is not a magic fix for all behavioral problems, including bad habits.

The ASPCA says the traditional age to sterilize dogs is between six and nine months. Healthy puppies as young as eight weeks can undergo a spaying or neutering surgery. For cats, it is generally considered safe for kittens as young as eight weeks old. To avoid the start of urine spraying, neuter or spay a cat before the animal reaches five months of age.

Spaying and neutering is important for animal health and helps to reduce pet overpopulation.



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