

I already spay and neuter my pet. Why should I care?

- ◆ Is this an area you want the government to control?
- ◆ Do you want government in your personal business?
- ◆ Spaying and neutering at too young of an age has been found to affect canine development, which in some cases can cause health problems and at the least negatively modify their appearance and structure.
- ◆ Where does the government's involvement in your personal business and choices end?



WHAT'S MSN?

Most people know that spaying female animals and neutering male animals is surgical alteration that removes reproductive organs, rendering the animal sterile. Many pet owners choose to alter their pets as a convenience as opposed to leaving the pet "intact" and risking accidental and unwanted reproduction. *Mandatory Spay/Neuter*, or MSN, means that **City Government** will tell you that you must alter your pet, possibly as early as four months, or pay a fine.

HOW DID THIS GET STARTED?

THE BACKGROUND

1. Lee's Summit has been talking about dogs since June 29, 2006 when the Community Development Committee (CDC) discussed the possibility of breed specific legislation (BSL). BSL restricts ownership of certain breeds.
2. It was then assigned to the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB), which wisely and unanimously voted that BSL doesn't work and wasn't needed in Lee's Summit.
3. It was then assigned to yet a third committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Dangerous Dogs appointed by Mayor Karen Messerli.



The City's Solution?

MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER OF ALL PETS.

MSN is an idea that started in California. The proposed ordinance is modeled after a Los Angeles ordinance. **Does Lee's Summit need to be like California?**



SINCE THIS HAS PASSED IN LEE'S SUMMIT

IT MAY BE PROPOSED AND PASSED

IN OTHER AREAS!



THE FACTS

- Lee's Summit residents who have given public testimony at meetings have praised Lee's Summit Animal Control (AC).
- AC provides excellent 24/7 response.
- Many Lee's Summit residents are already voluntarily altering their pets.
- It's insulting that the City believes that residents need to be told that they **MUST** alter their pets.
- **Since when should it cost more to license the family pet than the family car?**



"A Nation of sheep begets a government of wolves", Edward R. Murrow

ANIMAL CONTROL:

IS IT ABOUT THE ANIMALS

OR THE CONTROL?

Good question!

There has been *no* evidence presented that Lee's Summit has a significant dangerous animal **PROBLEM**, nor has evidence been presented to indicate that Lee's Summit experiences animal aggression (those that bite and attack residents) or containment problems exclusively with "intact" animals (not surgically altered).



The Ad Hoc committee has been unable and/or unwilling to provide a satisfactory *factual* answer as to why they believe **Mandatory Spay/Neuter is necessary.**

INSTEAD: Why not require *only* PROBLEM ANIMALS to be spayed or neutered?

POSSIBLE HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO EARLY SPAYING AND NEUTERING:

Early altering of dogs prior to sexual maturity can cause:

- Incontinence
- Hip Dysplasia
- Some cancers

Visit the following links for more information:

<http://www.caninesports.com/SpayNeuter.html>

<http://www.littleriverlabs.com/neuter.htm>



It is not appropriate for the Lee's Summit City Council to "practice" veterinary medicine without a license.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT "PET OVERPOPULATION"

In several locations (beginning in California), MSN was allegedly implemented as a means of controlling "pet overpopulation".

THE TRUTH: Nationwide, shelter euthanasia of unwanted animals has dropped dramatically since the 1970s, for the most part without any coercive legislation at all. Education and voluntary spay/neuter programs are working, *without government intervention!*

LEARN MORE:

www.naiaonline.org

www.theanimalcouncil.com

www.cfa.org

www.mofed.org

www.endangeredbreedsassociation.org

www.adoa.org/

www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm

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Tell them to quit wasting time on pets and worry about managing the City!

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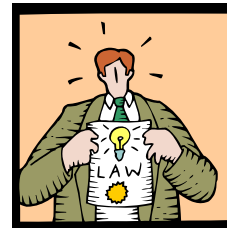
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Do you assume that your pet(s) are your property?

Think Again!



The City Of Lee's Summit (and potentially/eventually other areas) has implemented **MANDATORY** spay/neuter requirements by **4 MONTHS OF AGE** (at an owner's cost) or residents will be fined/mandated to pay an **additional licensing fee** (\$75-\$250).

MOKAN DOR wants to make residents aware that the City is attempting to interfere with **YOUR PERSONAL CHOICES and RIGHTS!**