AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Canine Legislation Position Statement

SPAYING AND NEUTERING

The American Kennel Club® opposes laws that mandate the spaying/neutering of dogs. Spaying/Neutering are major surgeries and the decision to spay or neuter a dog should be made by the dog's owner in conjunction with their veterinarian. Recent scientific studies demonstrate that spaying/neutering, particularly before a dog is fully mature, may result in detrimental long-term health impacts. In light of this information, AKC® encourages breeders, owners and veterinarians to consult on the appropriateness and timing of spaying or neutering an individual dog.