



## **Importance of Mini Pig Spay & Neuter**

Mini pigs should be spayed & neutered to make good pets. Intact pigs that have not been spayed or neutered have very different behaviors and health risks than dogs or cats. Nearly every intact female pig will develop ovary or uterine cancers or infections. Males have a high risk of testicular cancer. Males and females that have not been spayed or neutered can be very difficult to handle as pets. Once they have been altered, the hormones will dissipate and the undesirable behaviors will resolve.

### **Intact Pig Problems:**

Humping	Reproductive tumors	Unexpected litters
Destructive	Reproductive cancers	Breaking out of fencing
Aggression	Reproductive infections	Accidental pregnancies
Pungent Odors	Inappropriate urination	Difficulty potty training

Mini pigs should be spayed and neutered at a young age, before they leave their breeder or rescue. If they are brought home intact, they should be scheduled for spay or neuter as soon as possible. Male piglets can be neutered as young as 4-6 weeks old. Ask the veterinarian to close the inguinal ring to prevent herniation. Never allow a "farm style" neuter, only an experienced veterinarian should perform this surgery. Females can be spayed as young as 6-12 weeks old and given pain medicine to take home. The best age depends on the veterinarian's preference and experience level. Isoflurane gas is the safest anesthesia for mini pigs, although some injectibles can be used instead. Spay and neuter of mini pigs may cost \$75-300+, usually much higher than similar surgery for dogs & cats. AMPA Breeders spay and neuter piglets before sending them to their new home, lessening the cost and stress on the new owners.

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# Spay & Neuter Assistance

The American Mini Pig Rescue 501c3 nonprofit organization is dedicated to helping pigs. Through donations by supporters and sponsors we offer a \$50 spay/neuter assistance when funds are available. If approved for assistance, the \$50 and a free microchip (if selected by applicant) are sent directly to the veterinarian. Due to high demand of applications, we are always in need of support and donations. Please consider helping us help the pigs. All donations are tax deductible. Between April 2016 and October 2017, over 200 pet pigs have been spayed/neutered with over \$14,000 in donations paid to the veterinarians! This assistance program has had a huge impact on the community.

## Be The Solution ♦ Stop The Cycle ♦ Be The Change

- ❖ Spaying and neutering saves lives.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering helps pigs get adopted.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering prevents unwanted litters.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering helps pigs stay in their homes.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering is the best gift you can give your pig.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering lessens the burdens of rescues & sanctuaries.
- ❖ Spaying and neuter prevents hormone related aggression & behaviors.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering helps your mini pig live a long, healthy, happy life.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering prevents deadly reproductive infections and cancers.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering prevents roaming or feral pigs from looking for love.
- ❖ Spaying and neutering prevents accidental & dangerous underage pregnancies.

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