

Why should I get my cat desexed?

Is overpopulation really a problem?



A fertile cat can produce an average of **three** litters in **one year**.

The average number of kittens in a feline litter is **4 to 6**.

Up to **4,948** kittens can be born from one unspeyed female cat and her offspring in **seven years**.

The Benefits of Desexing your Cats

Speying or castrating a cat reduces their urge to roam. They are **less likely** to run away, get into fights, contract diseases or get hurt as they roam.

Intact male cats living outside have been shown to live on average **less than two years**.

*Desexed cats make **friendlier** companions.*

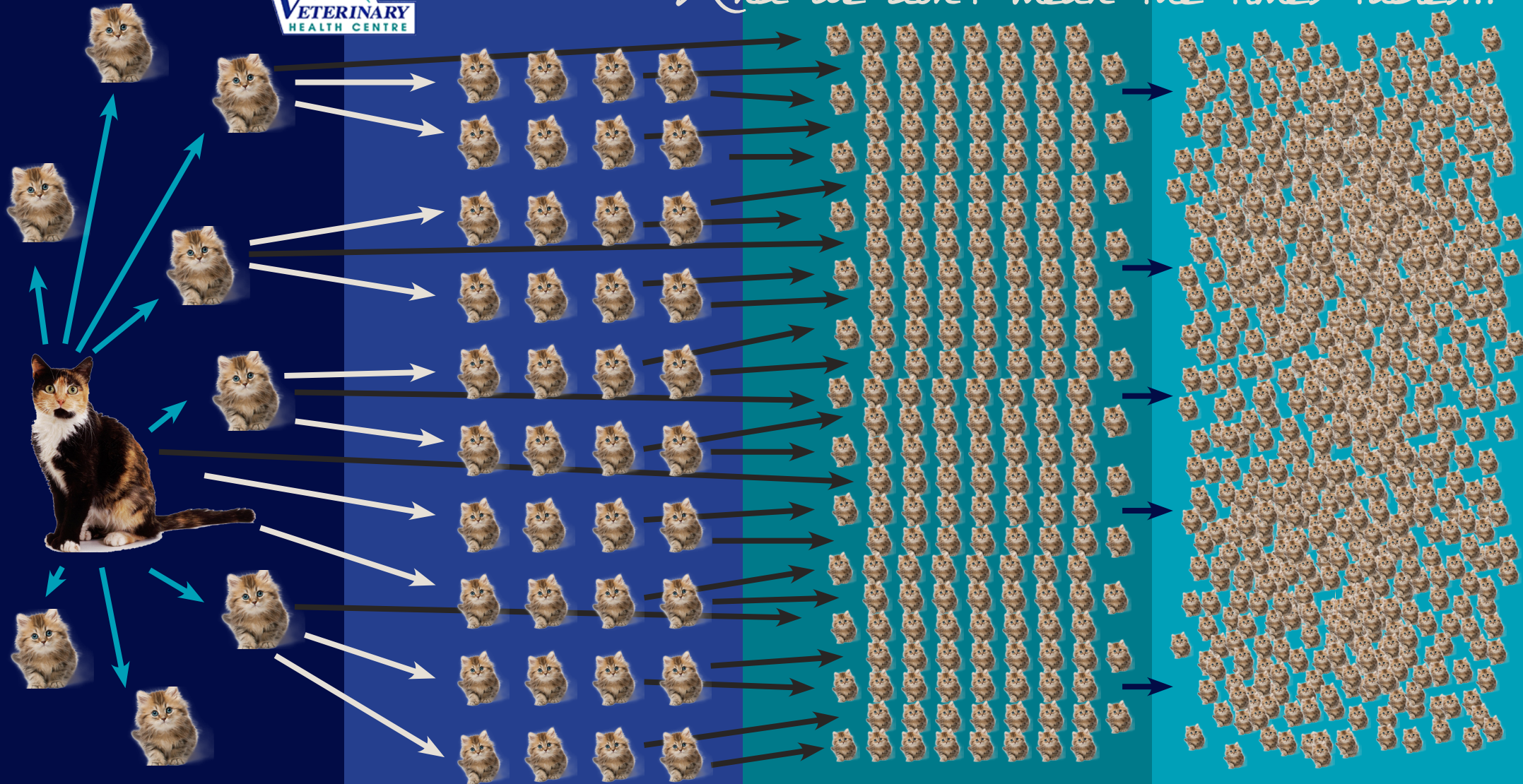
They are **less likely** to get certain kinds of cancers.

When you prevent unwanted kittens from being born, you **help reduce the number of cats** that ultimately end up in shelters.



Cats are great at multiplication!

And we don't mean the times tables...



YEAR ONE - 8 NEW KITTENS
Mumma Cat isn't spayed :(
Mumma Cat has 8 kittens.

YEAR TWO - 40 NEW KITTENS
Mumma Cat has 8 kittens,
last year's girl kittens have 8
kittens each too!

YEAR THREE - 200 NEW KITTENS
Mumma Cat has kittens, her first
girl kittens have kittens and last
year's girl kittens have kittens too!

YEAR FOUR - 1000 NEW KITTENS
Mumma Cat has 8 kittens, and
all her female descendents
have 8 kittens each as well.
Cumulative total = 1248 cats!

What can I do to help?

1. DESEX YOUR CATS

before they contribute to the overpopulation.

2. Adopt a cute kitty

from the SPCA and offer them a forever home

3. Spread the word

tell friends and family about the benefits of getting your cat desexed.

4. Donate

the SPCA is always in need of funds and high-quality food to continue its desexing work and feed the cats who are waiting for adoption.



Come and talk to us at the counter for more information or call the Opotiki SPCA on 07 315 8692.

