

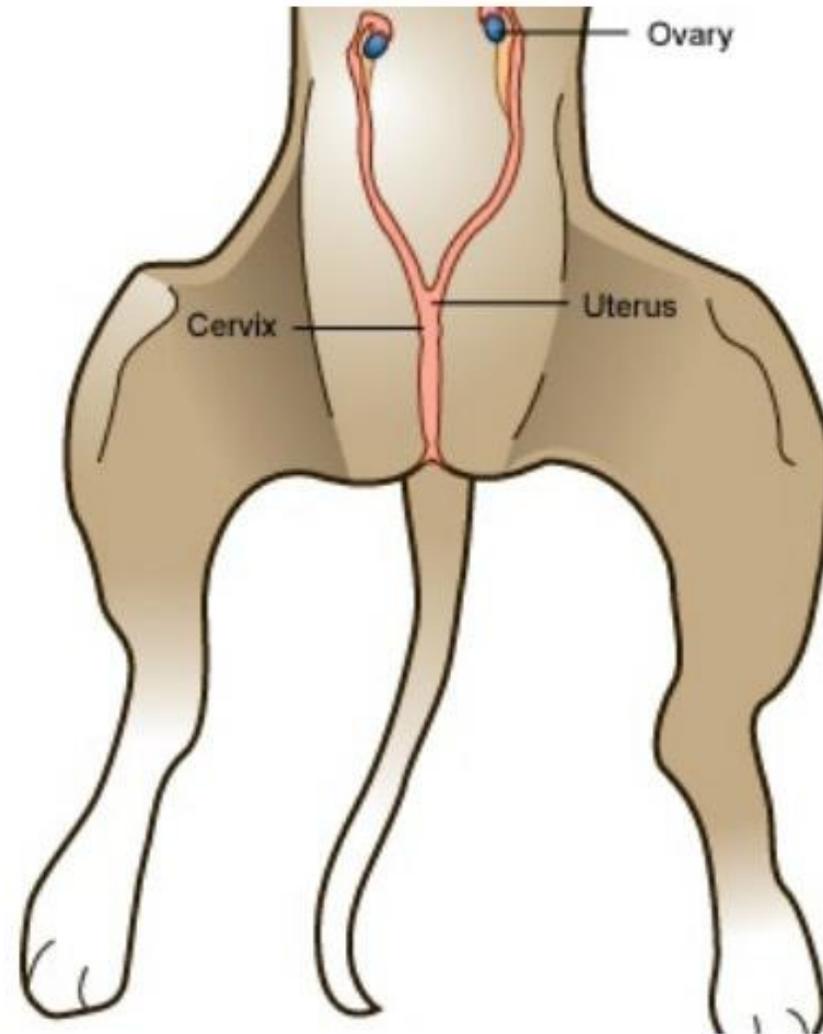
Why Should I Spay or Neuter My Dog?

*An important message from the
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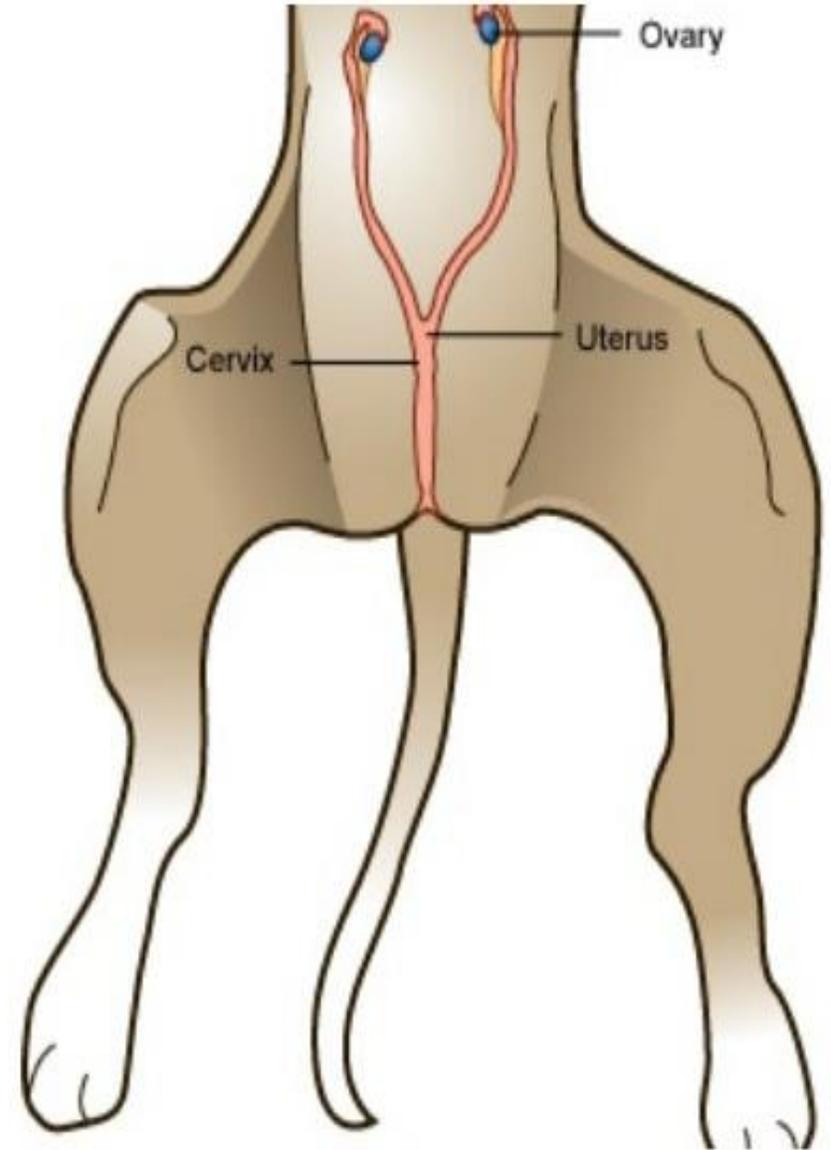
The procedure for neutering a female dog is often referred to as spaying the dog and is a total hysterectomy.



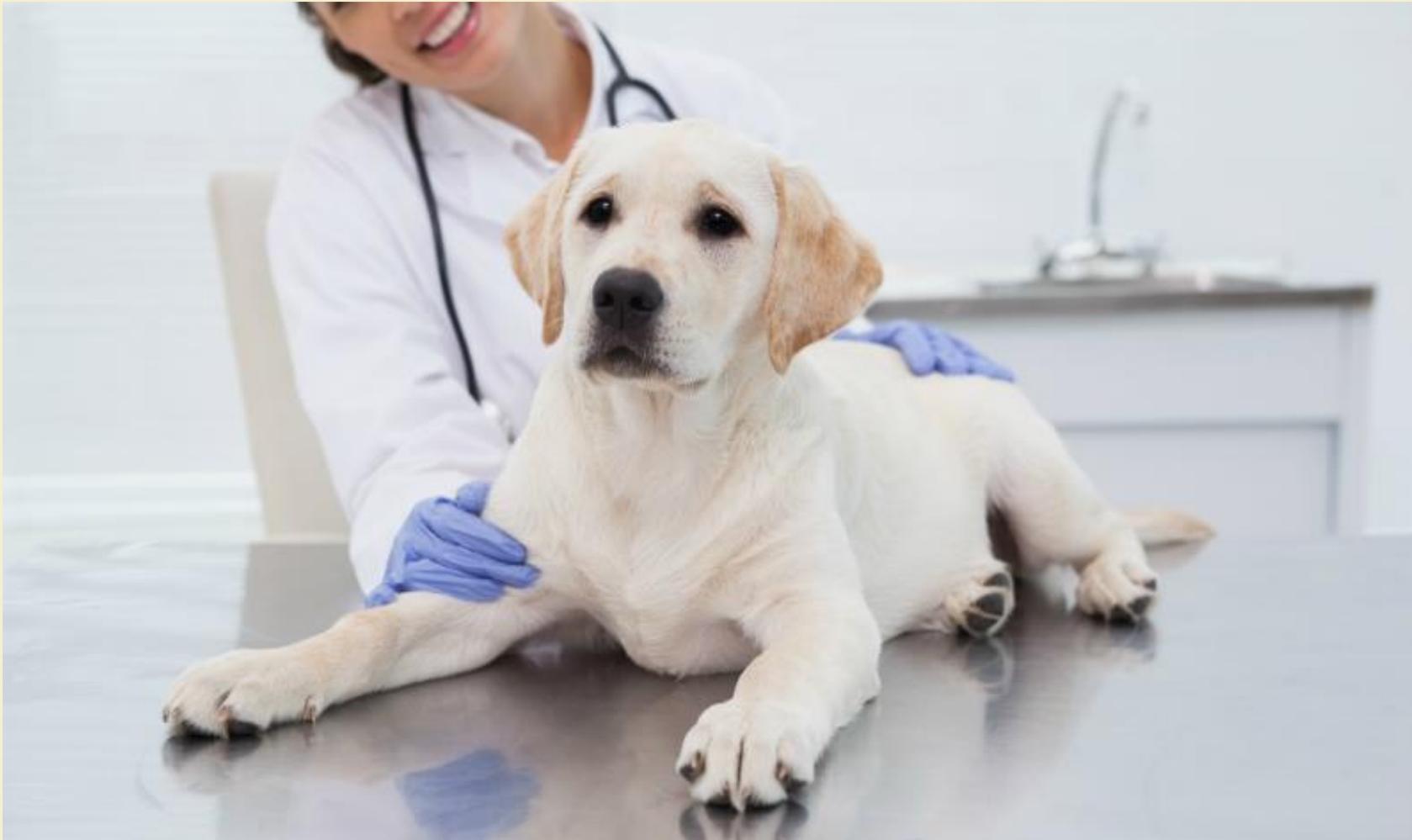
The dog has her ovaries and womb removed down to the cervix.

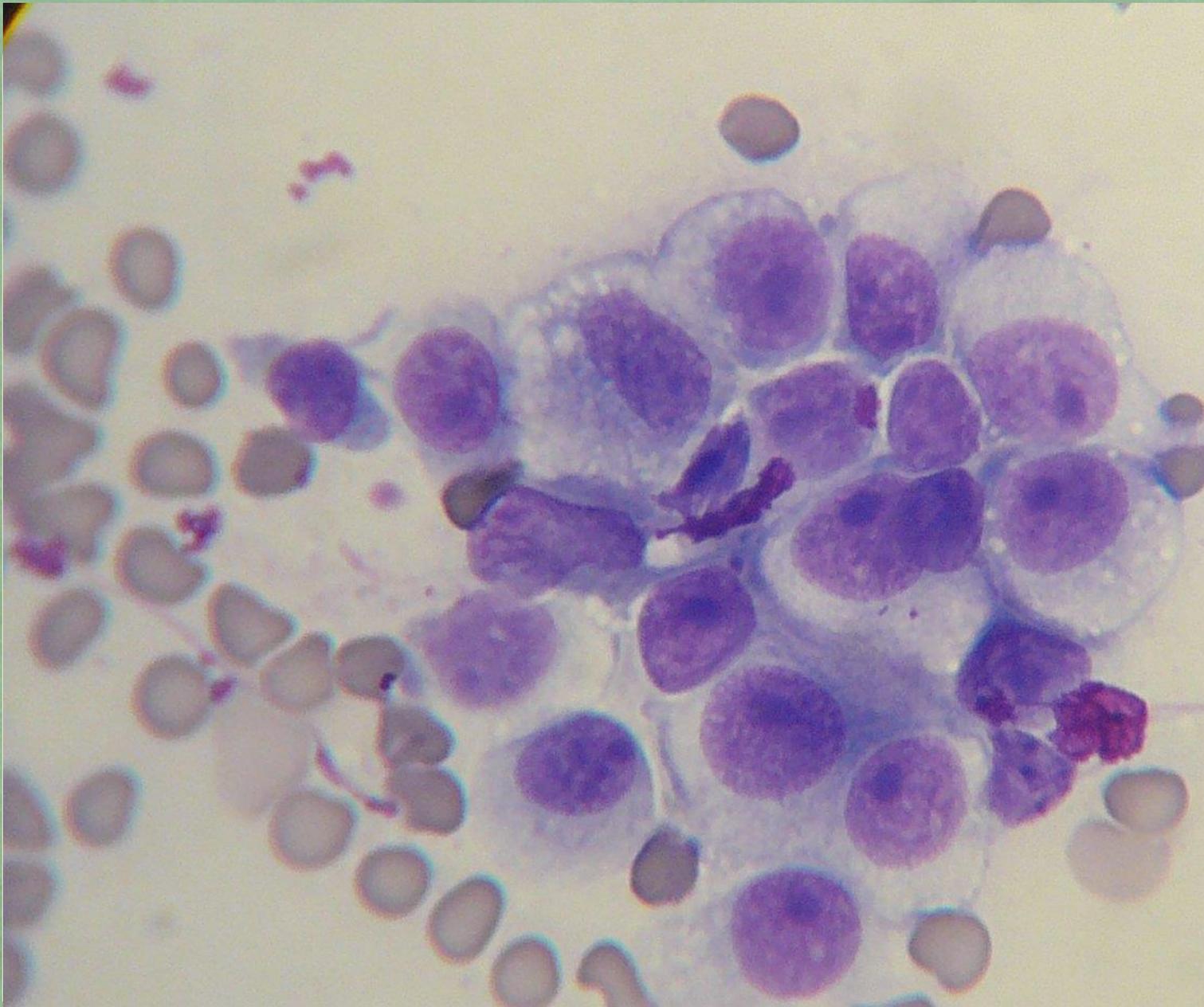
Removing these organs means there is no chance of that dog having ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, and cancer of the cervix or a womb infection.

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The spayed dog does not have a heat cycle, so she will never attract dogs that may fight and injure her and give her communicable diseases such as:

a) transmissible venereal tumours

b) skin diseases that can be passed on by direct contact

such as sarcoptic mange (also known as scabies)

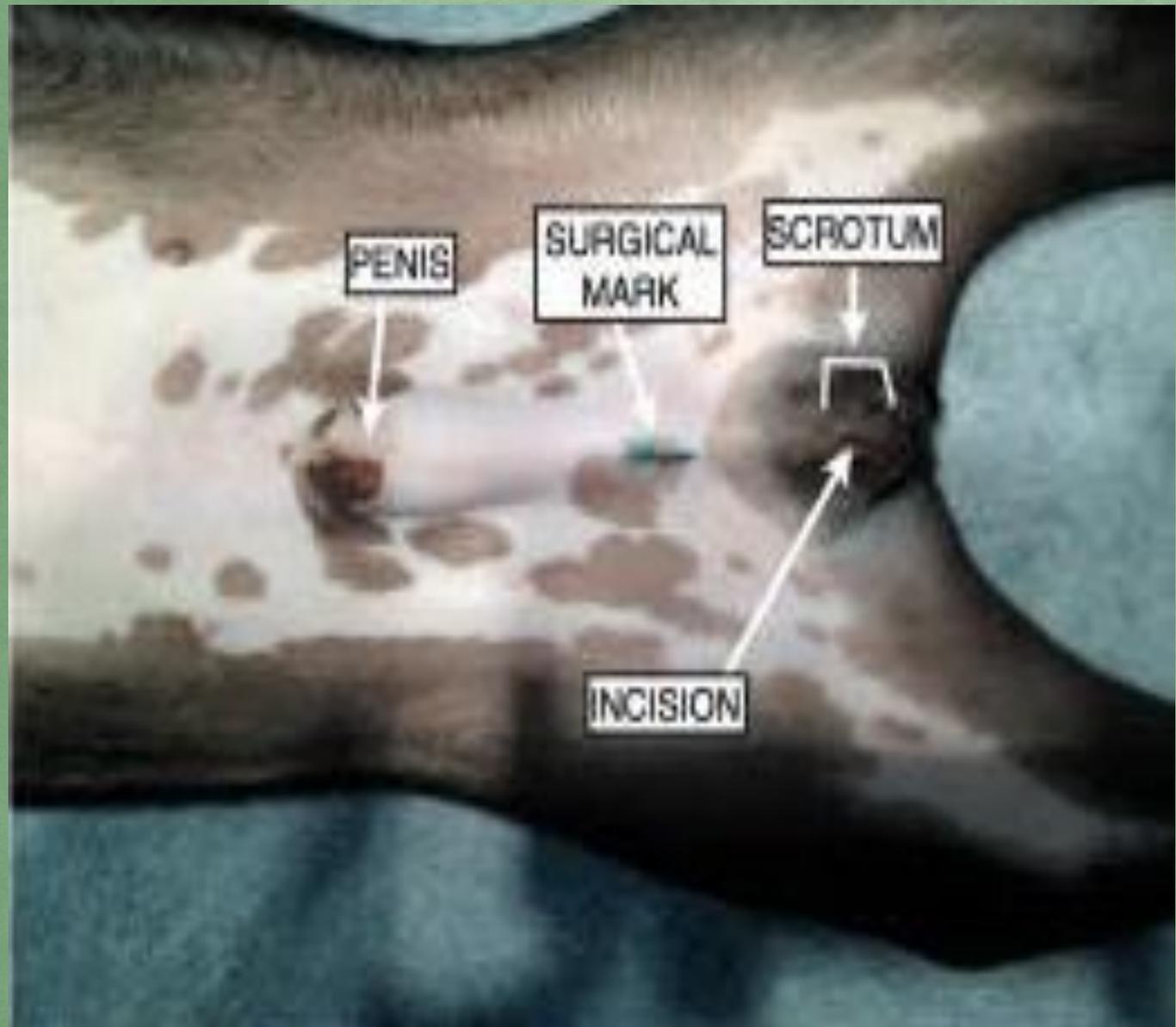


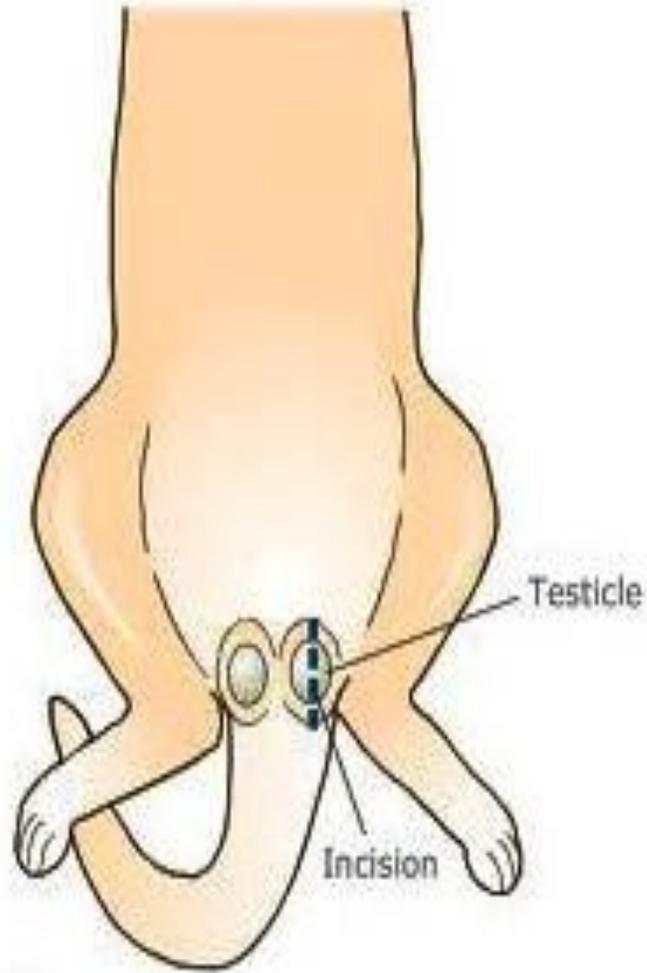
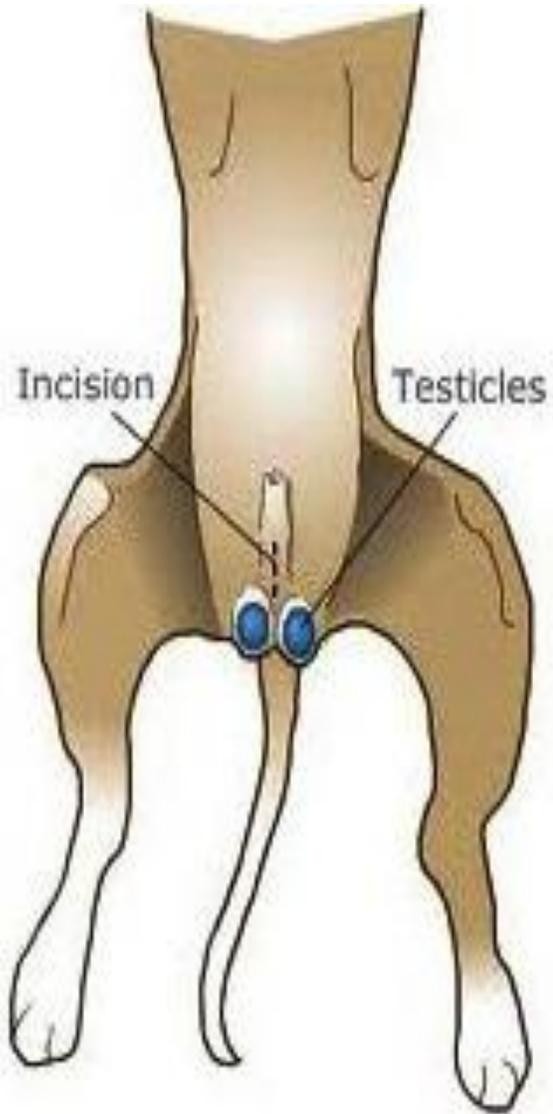


c) external parasites
such as fleas and
ticks

Neutering a male dog involves removing the testicles.

A neutered dog will never get testicular cancer.



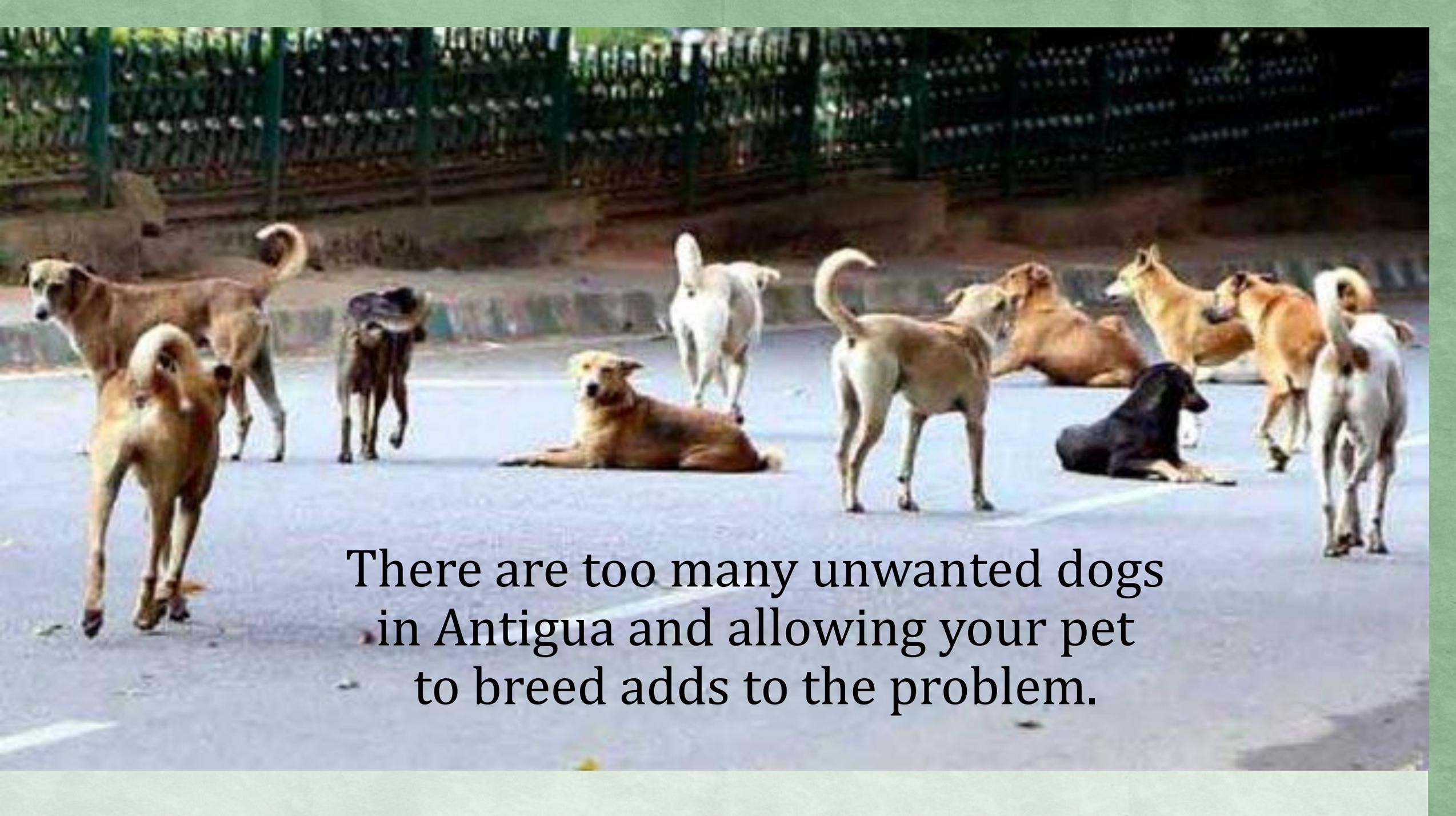


Dogs are one of the only animals that like man have a prostate gland.

Neutering the dog means that he is almost guaranteed not to suffer from prostatic diseases including cancer.

As with the females, he will not be at risk of contracting communicable diseases if he is not mating.

Neutered male dogs are less aggressive so are involved in fewer fights; they do not roam as much and are less likely to be injured by vehicles or other animals.



There are too many unwanted dogs in Antigua and allowing your pet to breed adds to the problem.

Our animal shelters are filled with unwanted animals for which there is a finite number of new homes available.

Unwanted animals contribute to the stray population and all the problems that are associated with free roaming animals.



**Male dogs tend to form packs
following the dog in heat.
Once dogs pack, they behave very
differently than an individual dog.**



Packs of dogs hunt livestock causing great losses for the farmers and are more aggressive to humans, meaning people are more likely to get bitten.

We are very fortunate not to have rabies in Antigua but a dog bite is painful and necessitates antibiotic and anti tetanus treatment.



Be a responsible
dog owner.

Spay or neuter your
dog and help us have
quieter, cleaner and
safer communities.

