



Attention Bodega Owners with Cats

We're glad you've decided to share your store with a cat! Your cat performs an important service in keeping away mice, rats and vermin. If you haven't already, there are a few things you can do to make sure he or she stays healthy and safe while doing the job!

- Most important, every cat should be **spayed** (for females) or **neutered** (for males). It's not true that cats get lazy or don't hunt if they're fixed! In fact, fixing your cat is a good thing:
 - Cats who are fixed roam and fight less. This means less danger that they will be run over, get hurt or catch diseases.
 - Male cats stop spraying and smelling bad.
 - Female cats won't get pregnant – better for them, better for you, and better for the city, which kills tens of thousands of unwanted animals every year.
- Your cats should have their basic **vaccinations** (rabies, distemper). Cats that go outside are especially likely to get these diseases.
- Your cat should **wear a safety collar and tag**. Even better, have him/her **microchipped** by a vet! Cats should always be tagged in case they get lost. Otherwise, they are likely to be sent to Animal Care and Control and killed.

Your local vet can give you more information. For low cost spay/neuter and vet care options, contact

Humane Society, (212) 752-4840 between 9 AM - 5 PM

<http://www.humanesocietyny.org/about/services.php>

The Toby Project, Tel. (212) 799-1120

<http://www.tobyproject.org/node/195>

ASPCA, Tel. (877) SPAY-NYC

<http://www.aspca.org/aspca-nyc/mobileclinic/?evborough=brooklyn&borough=brooklyn#calendar2>

And visit the Resources page at **Brooklyn Animal Action's** website, www.BrooklynAnimalAction.org.