

Dear Guardian,

This is to inform you that as of January 1, 2012, PETA will be marking all animals spayed or neutered on our clinics with a very small tattoo. The tattoo is a green ink dot on either side of the incision. The size of the green spot may differ depending on the veterinarian on duty. We use the scoring method of tattooing, which involves making a tiny skin incision (approximately 1/2 inch) on either side of the surgical incision and applying green tattoo paste. The skin is then closed with surgical glue.

The purpose of this new policy is to help determine whether or not lost and/or rescued animals have been altered, thus decreasing the need for unnecessary anesthesia, stress, and procedures that have already been performed. Additional information about this procedure and its benefits can be found by visiting:

<http://www.sheltermedicine.vet.cornell.edu/spayNeuter/tattoo/>.

As always, we appreciate your help with and commitment to decreasing animal overpopulation by spaying and neutering.

The Mobile Clinics staff