

## **ATTITUDES TO AND PERCEPTIONS OF SPAY AND NEUTER OF DOGS AND CATS.**

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Control of stray population - A pet owner can quickly find themselves with more pets than they can handle if their pet is allowed to reproduce unchecked. These animals might be abandoned or surrendered to shelters that are currently experiencing difficulty sourcing funding. Spays/neuters help to keep the pet population in check, but pet owners might hesitate to present their pets for the procedure for several reasons. This study aimed to analyze the attitudes and perceptions of the public, as well as their general knowledge and understanding of these procedures, utilizing virtual and physical questionnaires along with general discussions that provide understanding of the topic to pet owners in Trinidad. The data collected from the questionnaire reflected varying opinions on the procedures. The results of this study can be used by veterinary professionals to develop programmes to educate the public and to increase accessibility to spays/neuters of dogs and cats.

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