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       Did you just get a new pet and are wondering how to make sure its baby does not end up in a shelter? I had the same problem awhile back with my dog, Henry, and I would tell a family with a new pet to spay or neuter the animal so that its offspring will not end up in a shelter. Spaying and neutering is where they have surgery so they can't mate and have babies.

       By spaying or neutering your pet, you can reduce the number of babies put into the animal shelter or killed. In the U.S alone, an estimated total of about 6-8 million pets every year are put into shelters. Sadly about 2.7 million pets in the shelter are killed each year.

       Spaying or neutering can also improve your pet's health so they can live a better life. Tests show that pets that have been spayed or neutered live a happier, longer life and have less risk of developing a reproductive cancer or other diseases. We neutered my dog Henry and he is very happy, lively, and disease-free!

       You can also have a better relationship with your animal if they have been spayed or neutered. They will pay more attention to you than trying to find a mate. It can prevent them from roaming and getting run over, catching a disease, or getting into a fight with another male and getting badly injured, all over a female. If they aren't spayed or neutered, females will likely howl for attention from males, and males will mark their territory. If spayed or neutered, they will not do either. Henry would rather fetch a ball or play tug-a-war with me rather than look for a mate. He's one of my best friends!

       I would advise a family to spay or neuter their new pet so the animal will play more than look for a mate. It will save millions of animals' lives and will help them to have a healthier life. If you do this one thing, it can help other animals, and make you very happy!