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Sheryl McBride writes to Dr Liesel:

Thank you for the insightful column, 'Sterilising your pet'. My question is: Why does it cost so much

Most vets will not let people pay off the debt, so this means that the owner just does not have the resou

We lived across from a park in Witbank and often found animals that had been dumped and we know w

We could afford to take care of two animals, but we just could not afford the high cost of sterilisation an

The prices are the going rate and vets will not give in and make an exception to the rule.

Why can't vets set aside one day a month or every six weeks or whatever to do something for the com

I rescued a kitten out of an engine of a car this week and one of our workers fell in love with the kitten a

Someone has given him a tin of royal kanine milk and bottles and I have told him about sterilisation and

Who knows? My belief is that if the cost of sterilisation was not so high, then more people would have i

Dr Liesel van der Merwe answers:

It costs a lot to run a veterinary practice. You have no idea how much medicines, equipment, or e

Especially for the female animals, it is quite a big operation (a hysterectomy), and carries the risk of ha

Sterilising the male dog is also simple, but there are many post-op complications, from swelling to licking

Most vets do pro bono work on an ad hoc or organised basis, often linked to rescue centres. But this is

Every day we as vets are confronted with people who are unable to pay their bills and this is one of the

Most of the vets are discounting clients' accounts every month just so that they do not end up euthanizing

As far as paying off goes: Well, let's just say that many people promise the earth and then you never m

There are many non-profit organisations where people can go to have their animals sterilised for very l

If you contact your local veterinarian you may find someone who is prepared to do pro bono work for a

Sometimes it helps if people are willing to even pay half of the fee upfront just so that basic costs are c

As a pet owner you can save up a small amount each month for sterilisation and use that as a deposit;

Compulsory community service is on the cards for vets for one year after qualifying and this should allo

Letter shortened. – Ed