

חגיגה יד

It is אסור to render ineffective the reproductive organs of animals, or humans. It is מותר to place a protective “shield” over the organs of a female animal.

How then, can a person neuter or spay his pets? The ערוך השלחן writes that מצוה מצווה in this מצוה hold that a גוי is not הפוסקים. Therefore, a person who needs to spay or neuter his pets should sell it to a גוי, and have the גוי take care of it. And, writes the ערוך השלחן, even according to רבינו חננאל who holds that the prohibition of סירוס by animals also applies to גוים, one can sell the animal to a גוי, then have the גוי give it to someone else to be מסרס (another גוי), as since the first גוי is not doing the סירוס, it is not לפני עור, but לפני דלפני עור which is no problem.