




NEUTERING YOUR DOG


If you are not planning on breeding from your dog, then we highly recommend neutering. It can prevent health problems that can develop later in life.



PROCEDURE FOR CASTRATION OR SPAY




Your dog needs to be at least six months of age before they can be neutered. They will be admitted to the surgery between 8.30am and 9.00am. On admittance your dog will be weighed, checked by a vet and a pre-med will be administered to make them sleepy prior to the general anaesthetic.




Approximately half an hour after receiving the pre-med the general anaesthetic will be administered. The anaesthetic is closely monitored by one of our nurses.



MALE DOGS – CASTRATION FROM SIX MONTHS OF AGE

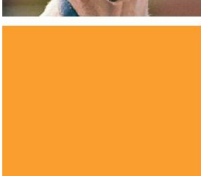


Your dog will have both testicles removed. An appointment will be needed ten days after the operation to remove the skin stitches. By having your dog castrated you will:

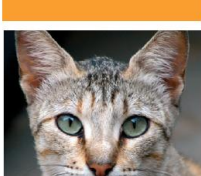
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- ❖ Prevent testicular cancer/tumours
 - ❖ Prevent prostate problems
 - ❖ Reduce straying/roaming (if a local bitch is in season)
 - ❖ Decrease his libido helping to reduce unwanted mounting.



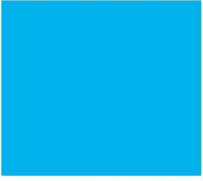
FEMALE DOGS - SPAY FROM SIX MONTHS OF AGE



A bitch can be spayed at six months of age before any season or at any time three months after a season.



Your bitch will have both ovaries and uterus removed. This will prevent any further seasons. An appointment will be needed three days after the operation for a check-up and also ten days after the operation to remove the skin stitches.



By having your bitch spayed you will prevent:

- ❖ Prevent seasons
- ❖ Prevent unwanted litters
- ❖ Prevent false pregnancies
- ❖ Reduce the risk of mammary tumours
- ❖ Prevent pyometra (a serious womb infection that is potentially an emergency and can be fatal). An emergency hysterectomy is required in these cases.



Detailed advice regarding the care of your pet in the days following the operation will be discussed with you when your pet is discharged from the surgery.



If you would like further information about neutering or any other small animal service please contact our reception at:



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