



Why Neuter Your Dog?



There are many health and behavioural advantages to neutering both males and females at an early age if they are not to be used for breeding purposes.

Bitch (female) - Spay

Prevent the occurrence of the following:

- Unwanted pregnancies
- Breast cancer – occurs in unspayed bitches or those spayed later in life. It can be prevented by spaying before the first season or the risk reduced if spayed early in life
- Infection of the uterus (womb)
- Cancer of the uterus (womb) and ovaries
- Twice yearly seasons
- False pregnancies



The recommended age is 4-5 months, but the operation can be performed and is recommended in any older bitch. Bitches **DO NOT** need a litter prior to spaying and the operation is unlikely to affect their nature.

If she has had a season, spay 3 months after the end of the season.

Post whelping, spay once the milk has dried up; approximately 8-10 weeks after whelping.

Bitches need to be fed fewer calories after spaying -this is easily done with weight management. Bitches only put on weight after a spay if they are overfed.

Dog (male) - Castration

Prevents the occurrence of the following:

- Behavioural problems e.g. aggression, roaming, urine marking, mounting
- Testicular cancer
- Prostate problems e.g. infection and cancer
- Tumours around the anus that require surgery

Castration is unlikely to affect your dog's personality and any potential increase in weight is easily controlled with dietary measures.

The recommended age is 4-5 months, but the operation can be performed and is recommended at any adult age if missed as a pup.



Give your pet the chance of a longer, healthier life

- Book your pet in for a free pre operative check
- We can then make an appointment for the neutering operation
- Have your pet microchipped for a reduced fee while they are being neutered
- Opt for a pre operative blood screen - this checks how healthy your dog or cat is before undergoing an anaesthetic

Please telephone the surgery for more information or to book an appointment with a vet.