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Facts About Neutering – Dogs

Spaying

Spaying is the surgical removal of the ovaries and uterus through an incision in the midline of the abdomen. This stops risks of pyometra (a potentially life threatening uterine infection). It also reduces the risks of mammary tumours from approximately 75% in the unsprayed bitch and 10% in the spayed bitch. It prevents unwanted pregnancies and male attention.

Procedure: We recommend that the bitch has her first season and is spayed 3 months after this (mid way between seasons).

Castration

Castration reduces hyper sexuality and the urge to roam. It stops unpleasant urine marking and can prevent aggressive behaviours. It prevents the risk of testicular tumours. It is especially important in dogs that have one or both of their testicles retained inside the abdomen. This causes abnormal cells to form, which could become cancerous.

Procedure: A small incision is made just in front of the scrotum through which the testes are removed.

All animals are given adequate pain relief when admitted for surgery. We ask that the veterinary surgeon sees any animal prior to surgery to check their general health status. Follow up appointments will be made with your veterinary surgeon or nurse to check that the wound is healing and to remove any sutures.

