



Information Sheet Neutering Dogs

Ovario-hysterectomy (spaying)

Spaying, or neutering, involves the removal of the ovaries and the uterus (Ovario-hysterectomy). Surgery can be performed from 6 months of age, the optimum time to spay is 3 months after the finish of the season

Reasons for

1. The bitch will no longer come into season (no mess or inconvenience).
2. She will be unable to get pregnant - so there will be no unwanted puppies.
3. The risk of her getting a potentially life-threatening uterine infection (pyometra) is removed. This is common in middle aged entire bitches.
4. The chances of her suffering from hormone induced mammary (breast) cancer can be reduced.

Castration of the dog

Castration, or neutering, involves surgical removal of the testicles and can be done in any male dog from around 6 months onwards.

Reasons for

1. All male dogs have natural urges. Castration removes these, and also the resulting tendency to roam and other undesirable behaviour.
2. Some potentially life-threatening medical problems are more likely to occur in entire males e.g. hernias, prostate trouble, testicular tumours. Castration reduces or removes the danger.

Your dog's castration

- After the operation many dogs lick the wound and cause post-operative inflammation and infection.
- We STRONGLY recommend use of a Buster collar post op to save your dog discomfort and you further expense.