



IT'S BETTER TO NEUTER

Be a responsible owner and neuter your dog or cat – it's simply the best choice for you and your pet.

Neutering is a humane way to reduce the stray dog and cat population. This prevents thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens being born each year that may be cruelly abandoned or needlessly destroyed.

There are lots of reasons why it's better to neuter.

Neutering is a simple operation that prevents male and female dogs from reproducing by removing their sexual organs – for male dogs it is called 'castration', and for female dogs the operation is called 'spaying'. Both are routine procedures carried out under general anaesthetic.

Where we provide food and exercise for our pet dogs, we also need to take the step of neutering to prevent them from reproducing or becoming frustrated; it is a very simple way to make your dog calmer and happier. It encourages calmer, more predictable behaviour – making the dog a more suitable family pet.

Neutering helps to reduce aggressive and unwanted sexual behaviour preventing fighting, mounting and being destructive. Dogs that have been neutered are also less likely to mark their territory or stray.

Female dogs usually come into season for about three weeks, twice a year. Whilst in season a bitch may act strangely – trying to run away in search of a mate and needing to be kept away from male dogs.

Male dogs' behaviour can also change greatly when a local bitch is in season – they maybe desperate to escape, even running into busy roads or jumping from high windows.

Neutering is better for your pet's health. Pregnancy can cause significant health risks to your dog or cat, causing her discomfort and to behave oddly. Neutering your pet also avoids the inconvenience and mess of having seasons.

Early neutering can reduce the risk of some cancers developing in later life for both male and female dogs. It also stops bitches suffering from potentially fatal womb infections (known as Pyometras).

As long as your dog and cat are on a sensible diet and get plenty of exercise they will not put on weight as a result of neutering.

Neutering prevents the unnecessary costs of unplanned pregnancies and raising puppies. Plus, by preventing accidents caused by unruly behaviour, costly vets' bills can be avoided.

The cost of neutering a dog varies widely, you can expect to pay between €75 and €200 depending on size and sex of your dog. However if you are in financial difficulty please contact us and we may be able to offer some help.

Most vets will neuter dogs of either sex from the age of about six months, although it can be done at any age. If you need any advice on when to neuter your dog, contact your vet. Some vets prefer a female to have a first season before neutering. It is often in the first season that bitches get 'caught' as their owners haven't realised they were in season!

Recovery time is approximately ten days but will depend on your dog. Your vet will be able to advise you about how to keep your dog calm to ensure they recover quickly.

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