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Why should my pet be desexed?

We strongly recommend desexing for all dogs and cats who are not destined for the show ring and do not belong to registered breeders.

The benefits to your pet are numerous.

In females the incidence of cancer of the breast is significantly reduced and cancer of the reproductive organs avoided all together. There will be no messy seasons or unplanned / unwanted litters. Unspayed females are also at risk from a womb infection or "pyometra" that can be life-threatening, and can normally only be treated by performing an emergency hysterectomy.

With males, desexing decreases the likelihood of dominant behavioural problems such as aggression, mounting and wandering, from developing. Once desexed, males are no longer at risk from testicular cancer and the incidence of prostate cancer is also reduced.

Responsible Pet Ownership is also extremely important.

Contrary to popular opinion, females do not benefit from having "just one litter." Please also remember that animal charities such as the RSPCA have hundreds of abandoned pets to re-home, some inevitably end up being euthanased. There are other considerations too; potential caesarians, feeding and vaccinating a litter and finding good homes can be time consuming and expensive.

Male dogs and cats are more likely to roam and be injured in road traffic accidents and fights if they have not been desexed.

The Procedure.

Desexing is usually done at 5-6 months of age although there is no upper age limit. Your pet will be admitted in the morning and, after being examined by the vet, will be given a sedative & placed on an intravenous drip. The operation is performed under a general anaesthetic. Pain relief and antibiotic injections are administered following surgery. You will be asked to telephone in the afternoon for a progress report and to arrange a time to collect your pet that same afternoon.

Recovery.

Your pet may be sleepy for 24 hours and will need to be kept quiet following the operation. An appointment to remove stitches is required 12-14 days later.

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