

## NEUTERING YOUR DOG

If you are not planning on breeding from your dog, then we highly recommend getting them neutered. It can prevent problems developing later in life.

### PROCEDURE FOR CASTRATION OR SPAYING

Your dog needs to be at least six months of age before they can be neutered. Your dog will be admitted to the surgery between 8.30am and 9.00am. On admittance, they will be weighed, checked by a vet and a pre-med will be administered to make them sleepy prior to the general anaesthetic.

Approximately half an hour after receiving the pre-med the general anaesthetic will be administered. Their anaesthetic will then be maintained with anaesthetic gas via our anaesthetic machine. The anaesthetic is closely monitored by one of our nurses.

#### Male Dogs

A dog will have both testicles removed. An appointment will be needed ten days after the operation to remove the skin stitches.

By having your dog castrated you will:

- ❖ prevent testicular cancer/tumours
- ❖ prevent prostate problems
- ❖ prevent straying/roaming (if a local bitch is in season)
- ❖ decrease his libido helping to reduce unwanted mounting.

#### Female Dogs

A bitch can be spayed six months before any season or at any time three months after a season.

Your bitch will have her ovaries and uterus removed. This will prevent any further seasons. An appointment will be needed three days after the operation for a check-up and also ten days after the operation to remove the skin stitches.

By having your bitch spayed you will prevent:

- ❖ Seasons
- ❖ Unwanted litters
- ❖ False pregnancies
- ❖ Reduce the risk of mammary tumours
- ❖ Pyometra (a serious womb infection that is potentially an emergency and can be fatal). An emergency hysterectomy is required in these cases.

Your dog will need to have lead exercise for ten days after the operation. Detailed advice regarding care of your pet, including diet, in the days following the operation will be discussed with you when your pet is discharged from the surgery.

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