



Neutering Your Male Dog

Whether or not to neuter your male dog is a decision that should be made with adequate information available. Lanes Vets recommend neutering generally, but we are very happy to discuss the individual needs of your dog.

Potential advantages

Neutering male dogs has many advantages, as well as removing the possibility of unwanted litters of pups it can control the urge to roam, especially if there is a bitch in season in the vicinity. In most cases it will also decrease inappropriate sexual behaviour at home. The risk of benign prostate disease and testicular cancer is also reduced virtually to zero.

Considerations before neutering

If your dog is nervous or fearful at all then we would not recommend neutering him, or if you do decide to neuter then at least to leave it until your dog is mature. Behavioural research has shown that neutering these dogs early can tip them over into fearfully aggressive dogs making many socialisation problems worse.

Large breed dogs such as Rottweilers, Great Danes, Mastiffs, German Shepherds etc are more susceptible to bone cancers. Research has shown that neutering these dogs early increases the risk so it is sensible to delay the operation until maturity is complete at around 18-24 months.

Although it is very rare for benign prostatic problems to occur in neutered dogs, there may be increased risk of developing a very rare prostatic cancer.

When can neutering take place?

In most cases neutering can be done from around 5-6 months old but we would always discuss the best timing for your dog.

Lanes Vets offer a free pre-operative consultation where we can check your dog over and discuss the procedure before you book him in.

What does the procedure involve?

Neutering of male dogs is castration. Both the testes are surgically removed. Your dog will be admitted on the morning of the surgery having been starved for 12 hours before, he will be cared for in the kennels by our nurses and auxiliaries prior to and following his operation.

Castration is carried out under full general anaesthetic and your dog would receive a drip and full pain relief with the procedure. He will be monitored and looked after by a qualified veterinary nurse during the procedure.

Following the surgery your dog is not allowed to lick at the surgical area, contrary to popular belief this does not help healing and will cause infection and pain for your dog. We supply a plastic collar to prevent licking or there is the option of purchasing a pet t' shirt should you prefer. Lanes Vets provide 2 free post-operative examinations to ensure your dog is comfortable and healing well.

If you would like to discuss castration further please telephone your local branch and we will be happy to talk to you.

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