

ORCHARD HILLS VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Facts on desexing male dogs

Most people accept the necessity for desexing a female, but many are not so convinced of the benefits of desexing a male dog.

Desexing (castration) involves the removal of the testicles which also removes the influence of testosterone - This hormone plays a big part in the typical 'male' behavioural problems.

Some advantages of desexing your male dog are;

- Elimination of testicular disease & cancer
- Elimination of prostate disease which is very common in dogs
- Reduces urges to show dominance and 'mount' everything
- Creates a more well adjusted family pet not always wanting to fight.
- Reduces the frustration for your male dog when there is a female scent in the area.
- Helps to reduce the tens of thousands of unwanted dogs euthanased every year.

FAQ

Q. Will my dog feel pain afterwards?

A. No, he may feel slight discomfort for a day but he will be given pain relief before the surgery and afterwards, you will also be given pain relief to give to him at home for a couple of days if required. The stitches will be removed 10 days after the surgery which is generally pain free and quick.

Q. Will he be the same dog?

A. Yes, better. He will be the same dog just a less frustrated more balanced version. It can take several weeks for the testosterone levels to drop and the younger desexing can be done the better.

Q. What age can I desex my male dog?

A. It is best to desex your dog as a pup, usually around 5-6 months. Desexing can be done at any age but can be more complicated and expensive they older the dog is.

Q. Does he have to stay overnight?

A. No, all going well he will be home with you in time for dinner. He may be drowsy for the first 24 hours and will need to be kept calm in a warm, dry area with plenty of water.

If you have any questions regarding desexing any of your pets, please do not hesitate to call us on 02 4736 2027 or [come in](#) to have a chat with one of our experienced staff members.