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NORTH QUEENSLAND SPECIALIST EQUINE SERVICE

BENEFITS OF DESEXING



There are many reasons why pet owners should desex their pets. As well as helping to stop pet overpopulation, the following are some of the other benefits associated with desexing cats and dogs.

Health

- ✓ Reduced risk of getting cancer or other diseases of the reproductive organs, such as testicular cancer, prostate cancer/disorders in males, and cystic ovaries, ovarian tumors, acute uterine infections and breast cancer in females, and also other diseases like mammary cancer, perianal tumors and perianal hamias.
- ✓ Females can suffer from physical and nutritional exhaustion if continually breeding.
- ✓ Pets generally live longer and healthier lives.

Behavioural

- ✓ Pets are less prone to wander, fight, and are less likely to get lost or injured.
- ✓ Reduces territorial behaviour such as spraying indoors.
- ✓ Less likely to suffer from anti-social behaviors. They become more affectionate and become better companions.
- ✓ Eliminates "heat" cycles in female cats and their efforts to get outside in search for a mate.
- ✓ Eliminates male dogs' urge to "mount" people's legs.

Cost

- ✓ Reduces the cost to the community of having to care for unwanted puppies and kittens in pounds and shelters.
- ✓ No need to find homes for unwanted or unexpected litters of puppies or kittens.
- ✓ Save money from expensive surgeries from car accidents or fights, which are less likely to occur if your pet doesn't roam around.
- ✓ Dumping puppies and kittens is an ethical cost, as well as being illegal and inhumane.

WHEN CAN YOUR PET BE DESEXED?

Pets can be desexed at any age from as early as 4 months of age and up into their more mature years.

When an animal is in season, there is an increased blood supply to both the uterus and the ovaries. Animals can be desexed whilst they are in season, but generally we try to do the surgery from about 4 to 6 weeks after the start of their last oestrous cycle.

HOW LONG WILL YOUR PET BE IN HOSPITAL?

Surgery patients are admitted between 8.00 am and 8.30 am Monday to Friday and in most cases can be picked up after 4.00 pm on the same day.

- All surgery patients need to be **fasted for 12 hours** prior to surgery. This allows an early dinner the night before surgery.
- Access to water overnight is okay, but **remember no breakfast**.

You will need to spend at least 10 minutes with us when you pick up your pet. We will provide you with an information sheet about keeping your pet comfortable and caring for them at home. It is very important that you contact us if you have a concern, no matter how minor you think it is.

Please contact Townsville Vet Clinic to schedule a time for your pet's procedure. This is best done by telephone so we can discuss any specific questions you may have. We can also provide information about price of the procedure.

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