

Desexing of Dogs and Bitches

Why should I desex my female dog?

- ⇒ All bitches that are not being bred should be desexed to avoid unwanted pregnancies.
- ⇒ It is the most reliable way of avoiding pregnancy.
- ⇒ **You will be able to take your bitch to training, go on holidays, go to a friend's place without worrying about "that time".**
- ⇒ No blood stained vaginal discharge to clean up.
- ⇒ A desexed bitch is less likely to have mammary tumors.
- ⇒ Pyometria is a uterine infection that can be fatal and occurs in unspeyed bitches.
- ⇒ You will not be passing on genetic problems to other dogs.
- ⇒ Prevents false pregnancies.
- ⇒ Your bitch will not have her body depleted of essential nutrients due to pregnancies.

Why should I desex my male dog?

- ⇒ You will not have to worry about coming across an unspeyed bitch unexpectedly.
- ⇒ You will be helping prevent unwanted pregnancies
- ⇒ Your dog will train better because desexing will prevent hormonal effects.
- ⇒ He will be a better companion dog because he is less likely to wander or escape.
- ⇒ You will not be passing on genetic problems to other dogs.
- ⇒ He is less likely to aggress other male dogs.
- ⇒ Reduces the incidence of testicular cancer in older dogs.
- ⇒ Less likelihood of prostate problems in later life.

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My dog is aggressive to other dogs if I desex him will he cease to be aggressive?

If your dog 's aggression is fear based it is unlikely to change with desexing. You may need to consult a vet behaviourist. See your regular vet who can advise. However desexing is beneficial for all dogs and you will not be passing on fear characteristics to other dogs.

Should my female dog have a litter first?

There is no advantage to a bitch in having a litter or a season.

When should I desex my dog?

Discuss this with your vet before your dog is six months of age so that your dog's needs can be catered for. Most dogs are desexed at about six months of age.

