

Neutering Your Dog

At Holmefield we recommend that any dog or bitch that is not to be used for breeding should be neutered.

Why Spay Your Bitch?

Responsible pet ownership :

Unwanted puppies can prove difficult to rehome.

Prevents problems associated with a bitch in season :

Unwanted attention from male dogs

Vulval bleeding

Medical Reasons :

Recurrent false pregnancies

Pyometra - infection of the womb, which commonly effects middle to old age entire bitches, and is life threatening.

Decreased risk of mammary tumours (cancer) - if a bitch is spayed before two years of age, the chances that she will develop mammary tumours in later life are virtually zero.

When to Spay Your Bitch

Bitches can be spayed at six months old prior to their first season, or three months after any season thereafter. It is important that she is not in season when spayed, as this significantly increases the surgery risk.

Why to Castrate Your Dog

Responsible pet ownership :

Prevents unwanted puppies

Stops or reduces unwanted behaviour :

Prevents roaming and will significantly reduce libido

Medical Reasons :

The testes secrete testosterone which over life can induce several problems eg. Testicular tumours, Prostate problems, Perianal adenomas (skin tumours). Castrating your dog can prevent all of these.

Undescended Testicles :

By six months a dog should have two testicles, if it does not it needs to be castrated, as the undescended testes are internal, and this can cause a very high risk of cancerous tumours. They should not be used for breeding as the condition is congenital.

When to Castrate Your Dog

Dogs can be castrated at any time from six months of age. Neutering a dog is a day procedure - they are admitted in the morning and discharged the same evening. The surgery is carried out at both the Brayton and Sherburn-in-Elmet branches.

If you would like to make an appointment or require further information please contact us at Brayton 01757 705562 or Sherburn-in-Elmet 01977 684952.