

## Why should I get my bitch spayed?

There are many health benefits to getting your bitch neutered.

**We advise neutering of all bitches at 5-6 months of age.**

Traditionally this has involved removal of the whole reproductive tract (ovaries and uterus), but in young dogs removal of the ovaries alone has been shown to have the same health benefits for your dog. At Scarsdale Vets we are proud to perform this less invasive, less painful procedure and we can even perform it with keyhole (laparoscopy) surgery to reduce even further your pet's postoperative pain, please ask one of our vets or nurses if you are interested in this.

This leaflet aims to make clear the facts and dispel any myths

### Facts:

- ✓ Neutering reduces the risk of mammary tumours (breast cancer)
- ✓ Neutering prevents infection of the uterus, which can be fatal
- ✓ Neutering prevents unwanted pregnancy
- ✓ Neutering prevents false pregnancy
- ✓ Neutering increases survival age

### Fiction:

- ✗ Having a litter is good for your bitch
- ✗ All neutered bitches are fat

## Why have your pet neutered at Scarsdale?

**We are proud of the service and care that we offer our patients and feel that it offers good value for money, but here are a few reasons why you should trust us with your family pet:**

- One on one care with qualified member of staff, from the beginning of the anaesthetic until fully recovered
- Safe anaesthesia with careful monitoring
- Experienced surgeons
- Intra operative warming to prevent hypothermia
- Hidden and dissolving stitches used as standard for your pet's comfort
- Low complication rate
- Low infection rate
- Painkilling medication individually tailored to your pet's needs
- Free postoperative check with a qualified nurse with dietary advice to prevent post neutering weight gain
- Competitive pricing
- We feel this offers good value for money, but should you feel you can get the same for cheaper elsewhere please let us know



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