

Why Should I Get My Cat Neutered?

We advise getting your cat neutered by four months of age as this is the current guidelines from International Cat Care. For female cats this involves surgical removal of the ovaries and uterus (the reproductive tract) through a small incision on their flank. It is performed under general anaesthesia and there are buried sutures used to close the incision. For male cats it is surgical removal of the testicles under general anaesthesia.

Neutering in cats has a very low complication rate and is a safe procedure with very few problems for your pet.



There are many benefits to getting your cat neutered:

- **Population control** – cats reach sexual maturity at around 5 months and can have up to 3 litters a year. Over half of kittens in the UK are unplanned.
- **Health Issues** – neutering queens prevents infection of the womb and mammary tumour (breast cancer). Neutered males are less likely to spread FIV and Feline Leukaemia Virus. They also live longer and have less fighting injuries
- **Behavioural problems** - neutered males are less likely to roam, fight and spray urine, they are also less likely to be aggressive in the home. Intact females will come into season every 3 weeks and call and attract tom cats.
- **Welfare issues** – unwanted kittens are more likely to suffer from infectious diseases like cat flu and there are unlikely to be enough homes for them all.

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 cat:

- One on one care with a 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 cat's comfort
- Low complication rate
- Low infection rate
- Pain relief medication individually tailored to your cat's needs
- Free postoperative check with a qualified nurse with dietary advice to prevent post neutering weight gain
- Competitive pricing

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