

The Benefits of Neutering:



Males

- ✓ Neutering will greatly reduce the risk of a male dog or cat wandering as they will not be in search of breeding females.
- ✓ Castrated males are much less inclined to show dominance aggression. In the case of cats, this will greatly reduce the risk of them contracting feline AIDS.
- ✓ Urine marking will be greatly reduced and urine will smell much less potently.
- ✓ The incidence of prostatic disease and perianal tumours will be greatly reduced in male dogs.
- ✓ There will be no risk of testicular cancer.
- ✓ It is not the case that a neutered male will put on more weight, providing he is kept well exercised and his feeding levels are adjusted should his metabolism slow.



Females

- ✓ Neutering female dogs before their first heat reduces the chance of them developing breast cancer by a factor of 2000!
- ✓ The incidence of dangerous (potentially life threatening) uterine infections in un-neutered females is greatly reduced.
- ✓ Each year thousands of unwanted healthy dogs and cats are euthanased in Ireland- there are just too many pups and kittens being born.
- ✓ Female dogs come into heat on average every 6 months, each heat lasting up to 3 weeks. During this time un-castrated male dogs will pick up her scent easily which can lead to them straying and generally making themselves a pest for the duration.
- ✓ It is not the case that a neutered female will put on more weight, providing she is kept well exercised and her feeding levels are adjusted should her metabolism slow.

