

WHITE MILL VETERINARY CENTRE

for healthy pets in Sandwich & East Kent



Neutering

Neutering dogs has many lifestyle and health benefits

Castration reduces the risk of common prostate diseases which can cause pain and urinary problems later in life, and testicular tumors are prevented. Behavior is often less aggressive after the surgery, particularly towards other dogs.

It is recommended that male dogs are castrated at around one year, unless you intend on breeding for your pet. If he is living with an entire female, he should ideally be castrated before she has a season (around six months old), if this is not possible they must be kept apart throughout the whole cycle of the season.

Spaying a bitch will prevent the occurrence of a common life threatening uterine infection called Pyometra, and will dramatically reduce the risk of mammary cancer if performed at a young age. There will also normally be a cessation of seasons with no bleeding or behavioral changes and no unwanted pregnancies or "false pregnancies".

It is recommended that bitches are speyed three months after their first season. If this is not done then she should be speyed mid way between seasons.