



Animal House
Veterinary surgery

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HUGH'S RABBIT CASTRATE

This practice has taken the initiative to promote neutering. We see it as our social responsibility to enhance the health of all animals. We are charging as little as possible to neuter {making no profit} with the highest standard of veterinary care. We only work to high bench-mark standards and each animal is treated as carefully as if it were our own.

We are open seven days per week and operate every day.
Call us to book an appointment and for price.

WHAT IS A RABBIT CASTRATE?

The correct term is bilateral orchidectomy. It means to remove the testes resulting in physical inability to reproduce.

WHY HAVE IT DONE?

- To prevent unwanted kittens
- To enhance behaviour
- To eliminate prostate cancer
- To eliminate testicular cancer
- To reduce the risk of various other cancers (e.g. skin tumours)
- To reduce perineal hernias
- To eliminate anal adenomas
- To reduce incidence of abscesses
- To reduce the spread of diseases through mating

Neutered rabbits live longer than entire ones

WHAT DO YOU DO?

All rabbits coming to us have a pre-op.check from nose to tail. We insert a cannular into an ear vein which helps us have immediate access to take samples and give drugs and fluids, just as when a human goes to hospital for an operation. We take a pre-op. blood test to check for any underlying problems. If we detect anything of concern we contact you immediately. When we have completed our checks and prepared the operation site (scrotal area) your rabbit is ready to go into theatre. A full anaesthetic is given and we surgically remove the testicles, the spermatic cord. We use a pre-scrotal incision, the average size is around 1-1.5 cm. It takes us around 30 minutes to perform the whole operation on a healthy patient. Your animal recovers in the isolation hospital area away from dogs and cats with a trained nurse continuing to monitor the patient. Your pet can go home the same day. This is routine surgery for us our vets having performed many of these operations.

WHEN SHOULD IT BE DONE?

Ideally at around four months of age when his deciduous canine teeth have been shed.

It can be done earlier than this but we like to wait for full physical maturity to enhance the rabbit's general development. You get the best health benefits the younger you have your rabbit neutered. We can neuter up to any age as long as your pet is fit.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Call us to book a rabbit castrate appointment. Bring your rabbit to us at 8.30-9.30 am. with a small amount of his usual food for us to feed him in recovery. You sign a consent form to give us permission to operate and leave contact numbers. We will give you an appointment to collect him later the same day. We will give you extra pain relief for him to go home with, a hand-out about after care and a buster collar. He has an injection to boost his metabolism so he should be eating normally after his op. We need to see him ten days later to remove his stitches and give him a check-up.

If you have any further questions please call us.