



Animal House
Veterinary surgery

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HUGH'S BITCH SPAY

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.

Our rates are calculated on size as we use different quantities of drugs for different weights of animals.

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

WHAT IS A BITCH SPAY?

The correct term is panovariohysterectomy. It means to remove the womb and ovaries resulting in physical inability to reproduce.

WHY HAVE IT DONE?

- To prevent unwanted puppies
- To stabilise diabetes
- To prevent phantom pregnancies
- To prevent pyometra (potentially fatal womb infection)
- To prevent cystic ovaries
- To reduce the risk of mammary tumours (often malignant)
- To reduce the risk of various other cancers (e.g. ovarian cancer)
- To enhance behaviour
- To eliminate dangerous pregnancies
- To prevent your bitch coming into season – messy vaginal discharge and unwanted attention from male dogs
- To reduce straying
- Neutered dogs live longer than entire ones

WHAT DO YOU DO?

All bitches coming to us have a pre-op check from nose to tail. They then have a pre-med (injection that makes them feel relaxed and reduces the amount of anaesthetic required) and have a cannular fitted. The cannular 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 (tummy area is shaved, cleansed and sterilised) your dog is ready to go into theatre. We perform a complete ovariohysterectomy. This is surgically removing the ovaries and womb. We use a mid-line incision, the average size is around 3-4 cm. It takes us around 30 minutes to perform the whole operation on a healthy patient. Your animal recovers in the hospital area 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 thousands of these operations.

WHEN SHOULD IT BE DONE?

Ideally at around six months of age when her deciduous canine teeth have been shed.

It can be done earlier than six months but we like to wait for full physical maturity to enhance the dog's general development. You get the best health benefits the younger you have your dog neutered. We can neuter up to any age as long as your pet is fit. It is best to have it done in between seasons. Two to three months after a season is perfect.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Call us to book a bitch spay appointment. Bring your dog to us at 8.30-9.30 am. Do not give her any food from bedtime the night before and no water from early morning. Take her for a walk before coming in to allow her to toilet for her comfort. You sign a consent form to give us permission to operate and leave contact numbers. We will give you an appointment to collect her later the same day. We will give you extra pain relief for her to go home with, a hand-out about after care and a buster collar. We need to see her ten days later to remove her stitches and give her a check-up.

If you have any further questions please call us.