



**Animal House**  
Veterinary surgery

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## **HUGH'S RABBIT 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.

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

### **WHAT IS A RABBIT 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 kittens
- 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

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 (tummy area is shaved, cleansed and sterilised) your rabbit is ready to go into theatre. A full anesthetic is given and we perform a complete panovariohysterectomy. 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 40 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 these operations often.

### **WHEN SHOULD IT BE DONE?**

Ideally at around four months of age when her 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 spay appointment. Bring your rabbit to us at 8.30-9.30 am. with a small amount of her usual food for us to give to her in recovery. Feed and give access to water as usual before coming to in. 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. She has an injection to boost her metabolism so she should be eating normally after her op. 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.**