



# DESEXING

Any pet over the age of four months old can be desexed. We suggest early desexing of females (prior to coming on heat) so that the chances of unwanted pregnancies & mammary tumours are reduced. Castrated dogs are less likely to be aggressive, less likely to wander, and less likely to develop prostatic problems. Territory marking and fighting results in many cats falling unnecessary victims to abuse by neighbours.

In addition, suburbia is becoming less tolerant of the behavioural problems associated with dogs chasing bitches in season. As an incentive to ratepayers to become responsible pet owners, the Cairns City Council offers major reductions for the registration of desexed dogs.

Generally your pet is in for the day: Drop your animal off between 7am and 9.00am (Cairns Vet Clinic); between 8am and 9.00am (Aeroglen Vet Surgery); between 9am and 9.30am (Gordonvale Vet Surgery) on the morning of desexing. They can go home the same afternoon after 3pm or 4pm. It is a good idea to phone before picking them up to check that your pet is awake enough, as all desexing operations requires a general anaesthetic.

Your pet should not have food or water after 9pm the night prior to surgery and certainly nothing the morning of surgery. To make an appointment simply phone us or call in to the hospital. Please phone at least 2 days before you would like the surgery to be done.

*TALK TO US IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DESEXING*

## **DESEXING YOUR PET CAN SAVE YOU MONEY**

- Cairns City Council give a discounted registration for desexed pets, saving you up to \$70 per year
- Save money treating car accidents or cat fight abscesses caused by territorial fighting or wandering
- No additional food (or vet) bills for puppies or kittens

Cairns City Council require you to be a registered breeder before you even consider breeding your pet. You can be fined \$150 for unapproved breeding.

## **DESEXING YOUR PET CAN PREVENT SOME CONDITIONS**

Non-desexed Males can be prone to:

- Prostate cancer or prostate disorders
- Testicular Cancer
- Male cats can get abscesses from territorial fighting exposing themselves to FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus)

Non-desexed Females can be prone to:

- Cystic Ovaries
- Ovarian Tumours
- Uterine Infections
- Mammary Tumours (Breast cancer)
- Physical & Nutritional exhaustion if breeding continually