



## Animal Desexing Awareness

Cats and dogs are loving pets that provide companionship and affection to many people. Despite this, each year, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and Council pound facilities take in around 160,000 animals nationally, many of which are the result of unplanned breeding.

Did you know that in five years, one female dog and its offspring can produce approximately 20,000 puppies? In only two years, one female cat and its offspring can produce approximately 20,000 kittens.

State and Local Governments contribute a staggering \$5 million per annum towards managing cat overpopulation.

Animal desexing is an effective strategy to help mitigate this issue. There are also many benefits as a result of animal desexing including health and behavioural.

### Dog desexing

Desexed female dogs are less likely to develop mammary cancer and uterine infections. The preventative action also prevents the female dogs showcasing mating behaviour including aggression and also prevents unwanted pregnancies.

Desexed males are less likely to contract prostate issues and show behavioural problems such as roaming, aggression and urine marking.

### Cat desexing

Desexed cats are more likely to live longer and healthier lives. They will also show more affection and will be less likely to wander, run away or get into fights. Desexed females do not experience heat cycles and males do not spray to mark their territory.

Desexing from four to six months of age is recommended. The preventative action eliminates the risk of unplanned litters which reduces the number of unwanted companion animals and high euthanasia rates.

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