



Foothills Animal Hospital

De-sexing

What to expect

De-sexing or sterilising involves removing part of a pet's reproductive system so that they can't have babies. There are also several health benefits to sterilising your pets. Many conditions in older, un-sterilised pets could have been prevented with sterilisation.

In female animals we refer to the procedure as "speying" and in males we call it "castrating".

The best time to sterilise your dog varies depending on breed and size. Most small dogs can be sterilised at 6 months of age as they have finished most of their growing. Large and giant breeds may need to wait a little longer but please chat to your vet about the best time to sterilise yours.

The sterilisation is a day procedure. Your pet will be admitted in the morning and will be home with you later that day.

Our price is fully inclusive of things that are sometimes optional elsewhere.

- A complete health check before surgery and another 10 days later
- Pain relief pre, during and post-op. Your pet will go home with additional pain relief for a few days
- Intra-venous fluids throughout the procedure which make it much safer
- We try to only use sutures on the inside which are far less irritating and usually, your pet won't need to go home with a 'cone of shame'

Recovery involves lead walks and restricted exercise for 14 days but your pet will be back to their normal self within 24 hours.



Warm hearts for cold noses 🐾

