

## Desexing

Basically we recommend it. There's nothing worse than euthanizing perfectly healthy unwanted puppies.

For male dogs we suggest waiting until six to twelve months, or until both testicles have descended.

For bitches, spaying at six months - before puberty, avoids the problems of pregnancy, unwanted male dogs hanging around, the bitch bleeding in the house and reduces wandering.

Weight gain is common in both dogs and bitches after de-sexing. This can easily be avoided by ensuring dogs are well exercised, and realising that their energy demands decrease by up to one third after de-sexing. So they need up to one third less food after de-sexing.

