

# Desexing pets



## Desexing your pet

**Making the choice to desex your pet is an important part of responsible pet ownership.**

The best time to desex your pet is between six and eight months of age.

## Benefits of desexing

There are several benefits of desexing your pet including:

- **Healthier pets** – Desexed animals are generally less likely to suffer from disease such as mammary tumours and prostate cancer. Desexing also prevents uterine infections.
- **Prevents roaming and injury** – Desexing commonly reduces behavioural problems such as roaming which decreases subsequent injuries resulting from these behaviours.
- **Prevents unwanted behaviour** – Desexing also reduces urine marking in males and in females, mating behaviour and false pregnancies.
- **Prevents unwanted litters** – Desexing prevents unwanted pregnancies. Dogs can become pregnant as early as six months of age and cats at four months of age, so it is important to have them desexed at the recommended timeframes.

**If your cat or dog does have a litter you are required by Queensland Government Legislation to apply for a breeder permit, even if it was unplanned and you intend to give away the litter.**

**Longer Life** – Research shows that desexed animals can live longer.

**Saves you money** – Desexed and microchipped pets receive a discount when being registered with Bundaberg Regional Council.

**Did you know local vets run desexing campaigns to assist with the cost of having your pet desexed?**

For more information on caring for your pet please consult your local vet or the RSPCA.