

# **DESEXING YOUR PET**

## ***Why should you desex your female pet ?***

- It reduces the risks of breast & ovary cancer
- Removes any chance of unwanted pregnancies
- Prevent her coming into season ( so no messy bleeding )
- Removes the risk of infections of her uterus ( womb )



## ***How does the surgery work ?***

She will have an anaesthetic to send her off to sleep, and the area on her belly that is the surgery site will be clipped & cleaned. Her ovaries, fallopian tubes, & uterus will be removed via an incision made in the middle part of her abdomen. After this the surgical wound will be closed in 3 layers with stitches. We will remove the skin sutures for you 7-10 days after she goes home.

## ***What are the risks for her ?***

Desexing your pet is a complicated surgery, & there are always risks associated with any procedure or anaesthetic, but we can reduce these risks by giving her a simple blood test before any medication or anaesthetic is given. The results of these tests also allow us to tailor an anaesthetic regime to best suit her needs.

## ***Is the surgery painful ?***

Your little girl will receive pain relief before, during and after her operation - & go home with ongoing pain relief medications for another 7 days.

## ***What care do I need to give her once she comes home ?***

For the first few days, you may find she is a little quiet. It is important to try and restrict her activity for 7 days - not too much running and jumping even when she is feeling better. Check her tummy every day to make sure that her little wound is looking clean and dry and that the stitches are all in place. If you are worried at anytime about her give us a call at the clinic at anytime to let us know.

***You can desex your 'little girl' anytime from around the age of 6 months – just call us to arrange a day during the week that is convenient for you.***