

Why should I get my male dog neutered? (Orchiectomy)

What does it involve?

The procedure consists of the surgical removal of the testicles. Generally, he will be able to go home with you that evening. We generally recommend neutering at 6 months of age.

Why should I neuter him?

Neutering offers several advantages. Male dogs are attracted to a female dog in heat and will climb over or go through fences to find her. When they are roaming, they are at a higher risk to be hit by cars. Male dogs are more aggressive and more likely to fight, especially with other male dogs. As dogs age, the prostate gland frequently enlarges and causes difficulty urinating and defecating. Neutering will solve, or greatly help, all of these problems that come with owning a male dog.



But people say...

- That it will make him fat.
 - This is a common myth. Obesity is most often due to excess caloric intake and lack of exercise. Speaking to a tech at your neuter discharge about diet can help your puppy maintain a healthy weight.
- That it will change his personality.
 - It may reduce the level of aggression your dog has but it will not drastically alter the dog's personality or take the place of any obedience training.