

# Dog Desexing

## FEMALES-THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

**MAMMARY TUMOURS:** The older female dogs are desexed the higher their risk of getting a mammary tumour. With every heat they have, the risk doubles.

**URINARY INCONTINENCE:** Urinary incontinence is a risk of spaying any female dog. This risk increase with the size of the dog as well as if it has had its first heat. There is a 9-12% risk depending on breed pre puberty and this risk doubles after puberty.

## Female

## Male

### Large Breed

### Small Breed

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Other:  
10-14mnths

### Small Breed

Hungarian Vizla:  
6-12mnths

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Golden Retriever:  
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6-8mnths

Before 1<sup>st</sup> heat to stop  
increased risk of  
haemangiosarcoma  
(cancer) in vizla.

Pre puberty to reduce  
risks of  
haemangiosarcoma  
(cancer).

Decrease risk of  
hip and elbow  
dysplasia  
(dislocation of  
hips).

THE BIGGER THE  
DOG THE LATER  
THE NEUTER.

Balance  
between as late  
as possible for  
bone growth to  
finish vs.  
decrease risk of  
aggression and  
neoplasia

8-9mnths

Allow growth to  
finish but before  
puberty to  
reduce  
aggression and  
neoplasia risk  
(cancer).

Other:  
10-13mnths

Just before or after 1<sup>st</sup>  
heat to reduce risk of  
joint disease from being  
too young or  
haemangiosarcoma  
(cancer) from being too  
old.

Come into heat younger and  
reduce neoplasia (cancer)  
risk when done younger  
with less concern of joint  
disease in small dogs.

Labrador:  
8-11mnths

At puberty: Allow  
bones to finish  
growing and  
strengthen.

Higher risk of  
haemangiosarcoma  
when desexed older  
but can not do too  
young due to joint  
disease concerns.