

Why neuter my cat?

Neutering your cat is recommended as part of responsible pet care.

‘Neutering’ is the removal of the genital organs of an animal so that it can no longer breed. In the male, or Tom, this is the testicles (also known as castration), in the female, or Queen, the uterus and ovaries (also known as speying or hysterectomy).



Castration of male cats at or before puberty reduces the risk of:

- Urine spraying in the house
- Roaming to look for queens. Roaming behaviour increases the risk of your cat getting into fights, contracting serious viruses from other cats, or being involved in a road traffic accident.
- Territorial aggression
- Unwanted kittens
- Reduced requirement for food (Take care not to overfeed neutered cats)

Speying a queen :

- Prevents ‘calling’ or seasons. In the entire queen, these occur about every 3 weeks, with a risk of pregnancy if your queen is allowed outside.
- Prevents unwanted pregnancy and large numbers of unwanted kittens.
- Reduces the risk of your queen catching fatal viruses such as FeLV and FIV from roaming toms.
- Prevents uterine or ovarian cancers.
- Reduces requirement for food (Take care not to overfeed neutered cats)



Riverside recommend neutering your cat at 5 months old. Surgery is carried out on a day-patient basis, with regular post-operative check-ups ensuring a rapid and comfortable recovery.

Neutering can be carried out at any age from 5 months old onwards.

Are there any disadvantages?

All anaesthetics carry a small risk, but at Riverside we treat all animals as individuals, with carefully balanced doses of medication. Young and healthy animals on the whole cope well with the neutering procedures, and problems are rare.

