

PET DESEXING

By desexing companion animals, they become less aggressive and easier to control. Inverell Shire Council recommends that pets are desexed if they are not intended to be used for breeding.

WHY DESEX YOUR PET?

By desexing your pet, you are helping to reduce the problem of unwanted puppies and kittens, as well as promoting positive health and behavioral changes. A desexed pet may:

- Live longer and be less likely to develop reproductive organ cancers
- Be less likely to wander
- Refrain from marking it's territory by 'spraying' in the house
- Be less inclined to develop aggressive habits



OTHER ADVANTAGES OF DESEXING

- Reduced Registration Fee.
- Desexed pets are far less likely to go wandering in search of a mate – if your pet does wander (it should however be confined at all times), it could get injured or lost.
- You will not have the hassle of finding good homes for your unwanted litter of kittens or puppies.
- In reducing the population of stray and unwanted cats, you will be protecting our native flora and fauna which is threatened by stray cat activity.

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN DESEXING?

You are able to desex your pet at any age, even as young as 8 weeks. It is recommended, however, that you desex your pet before it reaches 3 months of age. While you are at the vet, it is also a good idea to get your pet microchipped.

Desexing is undertaken by a veterinarian, and the procedure is straightforward. Most pets recover from surgery within 24 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns about what is involved, and the recovery process for your pet, talk to your local veterinarian.