

Why Neutering Matters

Family Matters

One of the most common questions we hear is:

"Should I have my pet neutered?"

It's an important decision, and understandably one that many pet guardians want to get right.

At Amity, we don't believe in making decisions simply because "that's what everyone does." We believe in helping you understand the benefits, the considerations and the options, so you can make the best decision for your pet and your family.

That's why our purpose is to **Empower You Through Education.**

What Is Neutering?

Neutering is the surgical removal of the reproductive organs.

In males, this involves removing the testicles.

In females, it usually involves removing the ovaries, and sometimes the uterus as well.

The procedure is performed under a general anaesthetic with appropriate pain relief, and most pets recover remarkably quickly.

Why Is Neutering Recommended?

Neutering offers several potential health and welfare benefits.

Depending on your pet's age, breed and lifestyle, it may:

- Prevent unwanted pregnancies.
- Reduce the risk of certain cancers.
- Prevent potentially life-threatening infections, such as pyometra in female dogs.
- Reduce hormone-driven behaviours in some pets.
- Help reduce the number of unwanted animals needing rescue homes.

Every pet is different, so the potential benefits vary from one individual to another.

Is There a Perfect Age?

Not necessarily.

The ideal timing depends on several factors, including your pet's breed, size, sex, health and lifestyle.

For some pets, earlier neutering is appropriate.

For others, allowing additional physical development before surgery may be beneficial.

This is why we believe there is no "one-size-fits-all" answer.

Will It Change My Pet's Personality?

This is one of the biggest concerns owners have.

Neutering doesn't change who your pet is.

A playful dog will still enjoy playing.

An affectionate cat will still enjoy cuddles.

Some hormone-related behaviours may reduce, but your pet's personality, relationship with your family and love for you remain exactly the same.

Every Decision Should Be Individual

At Amity, we don't make recommendations based solely on routine.

We consider your pet as an individual.

Their breed.

Their health.

Their behaviour.

Their home environment.

And your goals as their guardian.

Together, we'll discuss the advantages and any potential disadvantages, ensuring you have all the information you need to make a confident decision.

A Partnership for Life

Whether you decide to neuter your pet now, later or not at all, we're here to support you.

Our role isn't simply to perform surgery.

It's to help you understand your options and guide you towards the decision that's right for your pet.

That's why **Amity Essential Membership includes unlimited health checks**. These appointments give us the opportunity to discuss important life-stage decisions, answer your questions and ensure your pet remains healthy throughout every stage of life.

Making the Best Decision

Neutering isn't about doing what's easiest.

It's about considering what's best for your individual pet.

When you understand the reasons behind the recommendation, the decision becomes much clearer.

Because veterinary care isn't just about treatment.

It's about helping families make informed choices with confidence.

Because your pet isn't just another patient.

They're family.

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If you need more information, book an appointment with an Amity vet. We're here to Empower You Through Education and help you become your pet's greatest advocate.