Early Spay/Neuter



If you are thinking about Spaying or Neutering your dog before the age of 2 years of age please consider the following!!

* Early spaying or neutering stops important hormones involved in joint regulation and cartilage formation.
* Your dog is TWICE as likely to develop HIP DYSPLASIA if spayed or neutered before the age of 2 years old
* Cruciate Ligament tears are much more likely
* Increases the risk TRIPLES for certain CANCERS
* TRIPLES the Risk of HYPOTHYROIDISM
* Urinary Incontinence occurs in 20% of spayed females
* Considered a MAJOR surgery and requires Anesthesia

When studied by neuter status: EARLY (before 12 months old), LATE (12 months or older), and INTACT:

 The results showed increased likelihood of hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, mast cell tumors, and canine cruciate ligament (CCL) rupture in neutered dogs.

In early-neutered dogs, the incidence of CCL was 5.1 percent in males and 7.7 percent in females, suggesting that neutering prior to sexual maturity significantly increases a dog’s risk of developing CCL diseaseNo occurrence of CCL disease was observed in intact male or intact female dogs, or in late-neutered dogs.

With respect to cancer, cases of lymphoma were **3-FOLD GREATER** in the early-neutered dogs.

The most profound observations were in hip dysplasia in dogs when comparing early and late-neutering.

**The risk of development of hip dysplasia DOUBLES,** and disease occurs at a younger age in the early-neuter group compared to both the intact and late-neuter group.

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