

Henlow Veterinary Hospital

RABBIT NEUTERING

A guide to spaying and castration

WHAT is Rabbit Neutering, Spaying & Castration

Neutering is a surgical procedure to spay or castrate your rabbit to ensure they are no longer able to breed.

Spaying your rabbit involves the surgical removal of the ovaries and uterus. This procedure is called an ovariectomy, or spay.

Castration is the removal of the testes' functionality. Surgical castration is the removal or excision of both testes. Chemical castration uses pharmaceutical drugs to deactivate the testes. Pet castration is used for both birth control and behaviour management purposes.



WHAT HAPPENS when my Rabbit is neutered?

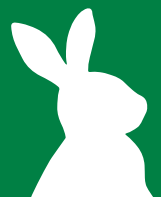
Your rabbit's neutering operation is performed under anaesthesia. Your pet is then carefully monitored after surgery by our highly-qualified and registered veterinary nurses.

What is the BEST AGE to have my Rabbit neutered?

We recommend Castration of male rabbits from 4 months of age

Spaying of female rabbits from 5 months of age.

Earlier neutering may be considered for some animals and this can be discussed with your vet.



HOW LONG does a rabbit neutering operation take?

Your rabbit will be admitted for the procedure in the morning and the surgery will be completed that day.

WHY is rabbit neutering important?

Spaying of female rabbits prevents unwanted litters, aggressive behaviour and most importantly uterine adenocarcinoma (cancer). Up to 80% of unneutered female rabbits have been found to suffer from this painful fatal condition (which will be totally prevented by spaying). Castration of male rabbits prevents fighting, urine spraying, breeding and other undesirable behaviours.

