There's more than one way to crack a nut



There is a reversible, alternative to surgical castration which offers the same benefits as surgery

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Did you know there is a reversible alternative to surgical castration which allows you to see the effects of surgical castration without the permanence of surgery?

Why castrate?

There are many reasons why you may be considering surgical castration for your dog or cat:



Unwanted litters | Urine marking (and odour in cats) | Hypersexuality | Unwanted social behaviour | Testosterone related diseases

Why choose deslorelin over surgery?

	DOG	CAT
No need for general anaesthetic	✓	✓
See the effect on behaviour without the permanence of castration	✓	✓
May want to breed at a later date	✓	✓
Behavioural benefits of neutering during training	✓	
Reduce urine marking and urine odour		✓
Allow enough time between neutering, vaccination and homing to minimise stress		✓

Is there an alternative to surgical castration?

Yes there is. For a lot of people, surgical castration is a good choice for their dog or cat, but it is not the only choice. There is an alternative. There is an easy-to-give implant which provides temporary castration. The implant contains deslorelin in a small wax like cylinder, similar in size to a microchip.

How does deslorelin work?

Deslorelin mimics a naturally occurring hormone, called GnRH, which is normally produced in the body and is responsible for a sequence of hormones stimulating the sex organs.

Whereas normally the testes would then produce testosterone, after deslorelin is implanted under the skin, this testosterone production is inhibited.

This means that your pet becomes infertile with a reduced libido. The drug is slowly released from the implant over time to sustain the effect.



Ask your vet today about the choices for your pet

How long do they last?

Ask your vet to talk you through the implants as to which one is most suitable for you.

There are two strengths available for any size dog, one which lasts for at least 6 months and a second which lasts for at least 12 months. The implants can last longer. When given the lower strength implant, 80% of dogs returned to full fertility in 12 months and 98% by 18 months.

The higher strength implant sees a return to full fertility in 68% by 24 months and 95% by 30 months.

You will notice their testes reduce in size when the implant is effective - returning to normal size is a good indicator of when the implant is starting to wear off.

For cats there is only one strength available which provides at least 12 months duration of activity.
In 20% of cats the effect lasted for over 16 months.

Can I use them repeatedly?

In dogs, the implant has been used for many years and there are minimal side effects and long term safety data, even with multiple successive implants.

Multiple use in cats should be discussed with your vet first on a case by case basis.

Will it stop unwanted behaviour?

The implant will suppress testosterone production and thus any behaviour which is being driven by the testosterone levels. Any behaviour which has already been learnt, however, will not change following implantation and we would recommend discussing with your vet how you can work to improve these behaviours.

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