

The Spay Neuter Controversy What Age? Which Procedure?

We offer Ovary Sparing Spays (OSS) and Vasectomies for dogs.

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There is currently great controversy in the Animal Care Field regarding the "right" age to spay or neuter a pet and the "right" technique to use. As there is no right answer right now, here are links to important research that can help you decide what is right for your pet:

New article on behavior and health as it relates to age of spaying and neutering: [Visla Study](#)

Facebook Group: [Facebook alternatives to spay and neuter](#)

Click here for the fascinating new presentation by Dr. David Waters TedX presentation, on the last night of his Old Gray Muzzle Tour: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XS9fiDn4Qo8>. Sit down with a big bowl of popcorn and your favorite drink to watch this one - you will be fascinated by his breaking new information - The Oldest Dogs as our Greatest Teachers.

Click here for information on Dr. David Water's Old Gray Muzzle Tour, the tour that investigated the link of lifetime ovary exposure (age of spaying/not spaying) with longevity in the dog:

<http://www.gpmcf.org/PressReleases/20100309PRPPROGM.pdf>

Click here for the article Dr. David Water's published in The Aging Cell, a highly respected journal regarding the findings on Lifetime Ovary Exposure:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2805875/>

See more information about Dr. David Water's research: <http://www.gpmcf.org>

Click here to read the comparable information about humans, in a nurse's study in Great Britain:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19384117>

Click here for the National Animal Interest Alliance comprehensive article on the benefits and risks of spaying and neutering:

<http://www.naiaonline.org/pdfs/LongTermHealthEffectsOfSpayNeuterInDogs.pdf>

Click here for Neutering Dogs: Effects on Joint Disorders and Cancers in Golden Retrievers:

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0055937>

Click here for information on removing the ovaries only versus removing the ovaries and uterus at a spay: <http://www.intermountainvet.com/news/downloads/20004.pdf>

And read here about Ovary-sparing hysterectomy. The heat cycles remain and there is no protective effect for preventing breast cancer, but as you can read below, there may be longevity benefits to leaving the ovaries and removing the entire uterus including the cervix. This requires a longer incision, but may be a better option. If you are interested in this procedure, please let us know in your phone call or e mail so we can schedule appropriately.

Click to watch the video:

http://www.parsemusfoundation.org/Parsemus/Ovary-sparing_spay.html

Click here to read Dr. Nancy Kay of Speaking for Spot's perspective on Ovariectomy versus

Ovariohysterectomy: <http://speakingforspot.com/blog/?s=ovariectomy>

Click here to read Dr. Margaret Root Kustritz's paper about "Determining the optimal age for gonadectomy of dogs and cats": <http://www.imom.org/spay-neuter/pdf/kustritz.pdf>

Click here to read the Society for Theriogenology's position:

<http://therio.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=323>

Click here for Dr. Christine Zink's article about behavioral aspects of spaying and neutering - this one will surprise you! <http://www.vizslacanada.ca/SNBehaviorBoneDataSnapShot.pdf>

Click here for Dr. Christine Zink's article about early spay and neuter considerations for the canine athlete:

http://www.caninesports.com/uploads/1/5/3/1/15319800/spay_neuter_considerations_2013.pdf

Click here for the Veterinary Perspective by Alice Villalobos, "Is Early Neutering Hurting Pets?"

<http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/vet-practice-news-columns/bond-beyond/is-early-neutering-hurting-pets.aspx>

See this article about Dr. Iris Richler's research on spaying and neutering - the European perspective:

<http://www.ivis.org/proceedings/iscfr/2008/session2/2.pdf?LA=1>

Click here to read one Golden Retriever Breeder's perspective on spaying and neutering:

<http://www.sunbeamgoldens.com/EarlySN.htm>