

Have your Scottish Terrier examined by a veterinarian within 48 hours of purchase. Your veterinarian can answer your questions and advise you on the many benefits of early spay and neuter.

female). Neutering is most often accomplished surgically, although there are also chemical methods that may become more commonplace in the future.

The Benefits

Early neutering can be safely performed on pups between six and sixteen weeks of age. Studies have shown that prepubertal gonadectomy does not affect growth rate, food intake, or weight gain of growing dogs. In 1993 the American Veterinary Medical Association formally approved of early neutering in the dog (and cat), a procedure many veterinarians and humane organizations have been promoting for years.

There are distinct health advantages for dogs that are neutered early in life:

- ✓ Significantly reduces the chance of developing mammary (breast) cancer if the ovaries are removed before the female's second, and preferably first, estrous cycle;
- ✓ Prevents ovarian, uterine, testicular, or epididymal diseases, such as cancer and infection;
- ✓ Prevents unwanted pregnancies;
- ✓ Requires less surgical procedure time;
- ✓ Allows for a rapid recovery period (Young, healthy animals heal quickly.)
- ✓ Leads to fewer behavior problems;



- ✓ Eliminates the inconveniences associated with a female dog in estrus (vaginal bleeding and discharge that can stain furniture and carpets and attract neighborhood dogs).

No procedure is completely without risk or side effects, so you should discuss all aspects of surgery with your veterinarian. However, rest assured that surgical neutering is successfully performed on healthy animals every day. Your veterinarian can advise you about the specific pros and cons of neutering.