

Castration Choices



Medical Castration

The benefits of surgical castration... without surgery

Unsure about castration?

A contraceptive implant is available that is administered by your veterinarian. It is suited to dog owners who want a reversible non-surgical solution for castration.

Benefits of medical castration

- ✓ Address your dog's behavioural problems, which may be testosterone related
- ✓ May alleviate diseases that are dependent on testosterone (e.g. prostatic enlargement)
- ✓ Reversible reproductive control

What is the medical castration option?

It is a resorbable contraceptive implant administered by your veterinarian. It is inserted under the skin between your dog's shoulders; there is no need for an anaesthetic or surgery.

How does it work?

It is implanted in a simple process similar to microchipping. After implant placement, an active ingredient is released steadily preventing the production of the sex hormones and testosterone.

Effectivity

Testosterone is generally reduced 2-3 weeks following implantation.

It takes around 6 weeks for the dog to become infertile due to sperm stored in the reproductive tract.

Depending on the implant used sperm reproduction is prevented for at least 6 months or 12 months. Once the implant wears off the dog's fertility will gradually return.*

Safety

The implant is safe and not associated with significant side effects.

Why chose medical castration?

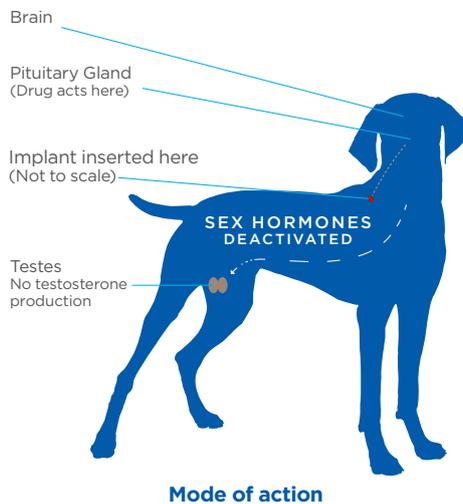
- ✓ Want to trial the effects of castration prior to permanent surgery
- ✓ Would like to road test the behavioural response to lowered testosterone
- ✓ Have a geriatric dog with benign prostatic hyperplasia
- ✓ Want the benefits of low testosterone but may want to breed in the future*
- ✓ Want the benefits of castration without surgery, general anaesthesia or testes removal

"After a year of searching for a new companion, my husband and I found Camo, a French Bulldog.

When it came time to castrate him we were concerned it would alter his bubbly behaviour, and we also wanted the option to breed him in the future. With this in mind, we chose to trial medical castration.

It worked perfectly, we still had our bubbly little bulldog and it kept our options open for the future."

Amanda, owner of Camo a 2 year old French Bulldog



Do you have questions?

Please ask your vet today.

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Behaviour problems are not always due to testosterone. Please talk to your vet who will be able to advise what is best for your dog.



*Discuss with your veterinarian prior to use in a breeding dog.