

❧ Neutering Pet Rabbits ❧

Adult rabbits reaching sexual maturity can become aggressive towards humans and other animals, especially other rabbits and guinea pigs. An aggressive rabbit may bite, dig and chew up household items such as carpets and wallpaper. They may also spray urine and attack other animals. Intact females may engage in nest building and, if kept in outside runs, dig extensive deep tunnels necessitating underground peripheral fencing to prevent escape.

Between two weeks and two months after neutering, aggression, territorial behaviour and some other annoying habits should decline. Male rabbits will remain fertile for two months after neutering.

Rabbits can be neutered any time after four months of age. Female rabbits are neutered (spayed) under a general anaesthetic. Male rabbits are neutered (castrated) under local anaesthetic. It is sometimes also necessary to sedate nervous male rabbits when carrying out the neutering operation. Both operations require a day's stay in our hospital.

Please ask at Reception for further details.

