



Dogs' Homes of Tasmania

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Desex Appeal – with extra appeal

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Media Alert for Wednesday 20th July

WHAT:

The Hobart Community Veterinary Hospital is joining other vet clinics across Australia in support of National Desexing Month. During July, pet owners are encouraged to take advantage of special deals and have their pets de-sexed before they breed accidental and unwanted litters.

"The aim is to reduce the number of unwanted litters and abandoned animals entering Hobart shelters. Many animals waiting for homes are the result of unplanned breeding so if we can prevent accidental litters then we can help more homeless cats and dogs."
Dr Tering Davies, Practice Manager, Hobart Community Veterinary Hospital

The HCVH has had a very busy month of de-sexing operations so far and are heavily booked right through until the end of July – but owners haven't missed out because discount de-sexing remains on offer all year round.

HOW:

All pets who are de-sexed during the Month of July automatically go into a draw to win back the fee for de-sexing. De-sexing through the Hobart Community Vet Hospital holds extra appeal for owners

not only during National Desexing Month but all year round because fees for de-sexing are permanently discounted at HCVH.

Desexing for male dogs — \$155.00

Desexing for female dogs — \$ 194 (dogs under 20kg) and \$ 258 (dogs over 20 kg)

Cats - \$ 40

WHO:

The Dogs' Homes of Tasmania firmly support National Desexing Month and urge owners to make the most of the discounted fees and the special deals on offer at HCVH.

"The Dogs' Homes want to save more lives but need help to do it... dog owners can help reduce the problem of unwanted dog by having their own dogs de-sexed...they are actually saving dogs' lives by doing this." Cathy Craw, Acting General Manager, Dogs' Homes of Tasmania

Desexing provides many direct health benefits to animals:

DE-SEXING - FACT BOX

- De-sexed dogs usually live longer - they wander less and have a reduced risk of cancer
- Owners of de-sexed dogs are more likely to save money on vet bills
- It is a myth that dogs should have at least one litter to stabilise their personalities. It is the de-sexing process that is more likely to have a positive effect on behaviour in both male and female dogs.
- De-sexing can now safely be carried out by vets from a very early age. Young puppies can be de-sexed.
- De-sexing helps put an end to the suffering of thousands of unwanted animals.
- A female dog who is not de-sexed plus all of her puppies can add up to 67,000 dogs in just six years.
- One year = 16
- Two years = 128
- Three years = 512
- Four years = 2,048
- Five years = 12,288
- Six years = 67,000 dogs

PHOTO & FOOTAGE:

Everyone's happy – Dr Tering Davies with de-sexed dog and owner

Wednesday July 20th

1.30-2.00pm

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