

## How long do they last?

Ask your vet to talk you through the implants as to which one is most suitable for you.

There are two strengths available for any size dog, one which lasts for at least 6 months and a second which lasts for at least 12 months. The implants can last longer. When given the lower strength implant, 80% return to full fertility in 12 months and 98% by 18 months.

The higher strength implant sees a return to full fertility in 68% by 24 months and 95% by 30 months.

You will notice their testes reduce in size when the implant is effective - returning to normal size is a good indicator of when the implant is starting to wear off.

## Can I use them repeatedly?

There is good safety data and many examples of dogs who have successfully had repeated successive implants.

There are very few side effects associated with its use.

## Will it stop unwanted behaviour?

The implant will suppress testosterone production and thus any behaviour which is being driven by the testosterone levels. Any behaviour which has already been learnt, however, will not change following implantation and we would recommend discussing with your vet how you can work to improve these behaviours.

# There's more than one way to crack a nut



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There is a reversible, alternative to surgical castration which offers the same benefits as surgery



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# There are many reasons why you may choose to castrate your dog

Did you know there is a reversible alternative to surgical castration which allows you to see the effects of surgical castration without the permanence of surgery?

## Why castrate?

There are many reasons why you may be considering surgical castration for your male dog:



Unwanted litters



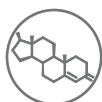
Urine marking



Hypersexuality



Unwanted social behaviour



Testosterone related diseases

## Why may I not want to surgically castrate my dog?

**There are several good reasons:**

- » you may be unsure how castration will affect your dog's behaviour
- » you may not want your dog to undergo a general anaesthetic
- » you might have several male dogs in the household and want to breed from one or another at different times
- » you could be training a dog and want the behavioural benefits but not know whether you will want to breed from them at a later date
- » and there are many other good reasons!

## Is there an alternative to surgical castration?

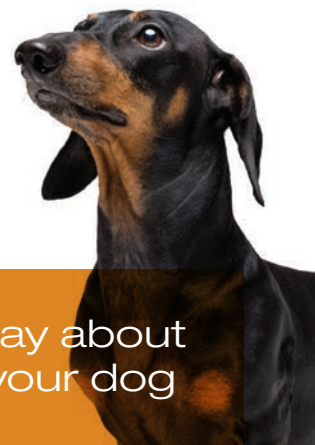
**Yes there is.** For a lot of people, surgical castration is a good choice for their dog, but it is not the only choice. There is an alternative. There is an easy-to-give implant which provides temporary castration for your male dog. The implant contains deslorelin in a small wax like cylinder, similar in size to a microchip.

## How does deslorelin work?

Deslorelin mimics a naturally occurring hormone, called GnRH, which is normally produced in the body and is responsible for a sequence of hormones stimulating the sex organs.

Whereas normally the testes would then produce testosterone, after deslorelin is implanted under the skin, this testosterone production is inhibited.

This means the dog becomes infertile with a reduced libido. The drug is slowly released from the implant over time to sustain the effect.



Ask your vet today about the choices for your dog