

DESEX YOUR BOY DOG

This is a **Healthy Happy Dogs** message from Roper Gulf Regional Council Animal Management Program

Introduction of the interviewer and interviewee who will be having a conversation about getting a desexing operation for you boy dog.

It is pretty common for people to get their girl dogs desexed because they don't want too many puppies. But boy dogs can also create a lot of problems if they are not desexed as well.

We all like living in peaceful communities where we are not scared to walk down the street. A lot of problems with dogs that we see in community are because of boy dogs that have not been desexed.

Today we are going to talk about the reasons to get you boy dogs desexed.

So what are some of the problems that a desexing operation can fix?

After about nine months old boy dogs that have not been cut start to try to stretch their territory beyond their own yard.

This means they will wander away from home and start to roam around the community.

They may go chasing girl dogs around town.

All of this puts them at real risk.

They are much more likely to get killed once they start to roam. They are much more likely to get run over and can also get killed in fights as they move through another dog's territory.

So desexing your boy dog is a way to protect him from getting run over or killed by other dogs?

Yes that's right, and it is also important to remember that while the dog is out roaming around the community, he is not doing his real job of staying home and guarding you and your family.

And what about the boy dogs getting cheeky and aggressive? Does the desexing operation help this?

Yes, it really does.

One of the main problems we see with undesexed boy dogs is aggression.

We all want a dog who will keep us safe at home, but a desexed dog who loves his family will still guard your home and family.

A dog who has not been desexed will be far more likely to let his aggression get out of control. These dogs fight much more than desexed dogs, and they do more damage when they fight.

Dogs who are not desexed also often form a pack. These packs can become very dangerous to people and other dogs in communities.

We have heard that desexing a girl dog can make her healthier. Is this the same for boy dogs?

Yes it is.

Desexed boy dogs, like the girls, stay fat more easily. You do not need to feed them as much to keep them healthy.

Desexing also stops them going with lots of girl dogs. This stops them catching the cancer on their private parts.

And finally it is pretty common for older boy dogs who have not been desexed to get prostate cancer or infections. These can kill the dog. Dogs who have been desexed do not get these infections or cancers.

And what about the dingo story? Does desexing boy dogs help keep dingos safe?

Yes it does.

Undesexed boy dogs are more likely to roam into the bush or to the dump where they meet up with dingos. Dogs breeding with dingos is turning true bush dingos into wild dogs. True dingos are better for the Australian bush and we need to protect them. One way to protect dingos is to desex your pet dogs, especially the boys.

So it is fair to say that desexed boy dogs are better dogs. They are safer for themselves, their families and for your community and country?

Yes, desex your boy dog when the vets are next in town and help to make your community safer for everyone.