



DOG CITY DESEXING EXEMPTIONS

The following are the conditions of your dog's continued enrolment into our daycare service!

New requirements contained in the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (SA) and its regulations mean that as of 1 July 2018, it is in most instances compulsory to desex your dog.

A registered veterinary surgeon may grant an exemption from the requirements to desex a particular dog. An exemption due to the health of the dog may be for a limited or an indefinite period, but an exemption due to the growth, development and wellbeing may only be for a maximum of 18 months. At Dogcity Daycare we offer continued enrolment into our service for dogs with a Desexing Exemption, whereby owners are able to provide relevant written correspondence from a registered Veterinary Surgeon.

Providing safe, fun and positive socialisation opportunities for puppies and dogs is our number one priority. We are so excited to be able to continue to offer this to puppies who are turning six months old – research shows that consistent, positive socialisation is a PAWSOME way to support the healthy development and wellbeing on your dog.

During each your dog's visit our team will constantly be assessing their experience both from a safety and enjoyment perspective. We do this with every dog in our care, however this is particularly important for dogs with a Desexing Exemption.



Safety:

Our team will be looking to make sure that your dog isn't receiving any unwanted attention or exhibiting any unwanted behaviours, as a result of their added hormones



Enjoyment:

Our team will be monitoring your dog closely for any changes that may indicate that your dog, with their added hormones, isn't feeling 100% comfortable in the group setting.

Enrolment for dogs with a veterinary Desexing Exemption is conditional, and is not automatically guaranteed for the duration of the time indicated on the exemption. **In order for your dog to continue its enrolment in our daycare program – while on a desexing exemption – our team will be looking for the following:**

- Your dog's interest in play far outweighs any interest in humping/mounting behaviours
- Your dog is not receiving unwanted attention from other dogs e.g. increased sniffing around the back end (this is mostly a concern for entire, female dogs – this can be invasive and uncomfortable, which goes against the positive socialisation focus that we have)
- Any changes – no matter how seemingly minor – in behaviour that may be triggered by hormones (mostly prominent in entire, male dogs)

If our team notice any changes from the above criteria they will, of course, communicate this with you during their visit. At this point, it is likely that your dog will only be able to return to daycare once they have been desexed.



Veterinary Desexing Exemptions for Dogcity are only valid if:

- You dog attends daycare with us **at least** once every fortnight; this provides our team the best opportunity to monitor your dog for any behavioural changes, as well as provide your dog with consistency.
- Your female dog has not yet come 'into season'. Desexing is required to continue attending beyond this point.
 - Your dog has successfully completed the 'Positive Puppy Pawgram' at one of our locations.