

DISCOUNTED DESEXING

STOP THE CYCLE

RESOURCES

SPCA SNIP & CHIP

The SPCA alternates desexing campaigns in different locations nationwide. Their Snip & Chip entitles you to a \$30 voucher which includes desex (castrate or spay) and microchip insertion.

<https://desexing.sPCA.nz/>

They also run desexing caravans and may be offer to help outside of the promotion. Contact your local SPCA to see what help is available in you area.

www.sPCA.nz

HUMANE SOCIETY

Desexing pets is essential to reduce the number of abandoned animals. For people needing assistance, they can offer a subsidy to help you do that. A Community Services Card is required except in exceptional circumstances.

<http://humanesociety.org.nz/desexing/>

HELP SOMEONE DESEX THEIR PET

This is a Facebook page and community resource advocating for desexing. It is regularly updated with campaigns, discounts and offers of assistance nationwide.

www.facebook.com/Helpsomeonefixtheirpet/

LOCAL RESCUES

We are often the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff so desexing is a huge part of the solution moving forward.

Contact your local Rescues to see if there's support in your area.

LOCAL VETS

Speak to your local vets about payments plans, discounts or assistance in your area.

REASONS TO DESEX

FEMALES

- 🐾 Can become pregnant from 4 months of age
- 🐾 Have 2-3 heat cycles annually
- 🐾 Average litter size is 4-5
- 🐾 Pregnancy is taxing on their bodies
- 🐾 There NO advantages to having a litter
- 🐾 They do not become more affectionate

MALES

- 🐾 Less likley to roam
- 🐾 Less likely to fight
- 🐾 Fewer medical bills
- 🐾 More stable temperament

DID YOU KNOW

GESTATION

Is typically **62-65 days**

ESTRUS

Estrus, or a 'heat' cycle can happen **2-3 x yearly**.

Females can have their first Estrus at **4 months of age**

It typically lasts **7-10 days but can go from 7-21 days**

SIGNS:

- 🐾 Howling
- 🐾 Showing affection
- 🐾 Pacing
- 🐾 Lack of appetite
- 🐾 Licking genitals
- 🐾 Assuming mating position

HOW SOON CAN THEY BECOME PREGNANT AGAIN?

Most cats will have an estrus cycle (heat cycle) 4 weeks after weaning their kittens (4-8 weeks) so the heat cycle may arrive again around the 8 week mark. However, a cat can re-enter her heat cycle as little as 1 week after giving birth, making it possible for her to become pregnant again at the time of mating.

