National Desexing Network

DON'T WAIT TO DESEX

A small decision today makes a huge difference tomorrow.

5 REASONS TO DESEX YOUR PET

1 BEAT THE SPRING BREEDING SEASON

Book before spring to avoid the rush and prevent unexpected litters.

2 PREVENT UNWANTED LITTERS

One unplanned litter can lead to many more animals needing homes.

3 SUPPORT YOUR PET'S HEALTH

Desexing can reduce the risk of certain cancers and reproductive diseases.

4 REDUCE ROAMING & MATING BEHAVIOURS

Desexing may reduce roaming, fighting, spraying and other hormone-driven behaviours.

5 HELP REDUCE SHELTER PRESSURE

Fewer unwanted litters means less pressure on shelters and more happy endings.

REASONS PEOPLE DELAY	THE REALITY
"My pet is too young."	Cats can become pregnant from around 4 months of age. Talk to your veterinarian about desexing before the first season.
"My pet should have one litter first."	No. Pets do not need a litter before being desexed.
"My breeder said wait until 12-24 months."	Some dogs may benefit from delayed desexing based on breed, size and lifestyle. Discuss your individual pet with your veterinarian and make sure they cannot accidentally breed while you wait.
"My pet won't get pregnant."	Many accidental litters happen when pets escape, jump fences, dig under fences or come into contact with other pets in the household or neighbourhood.

NATIONAL DESEXING MONTH JULY

Participating vet clinics support this campaign by discounting desexing during July.

Find offers at ndn.org.au/desexing-directory/

Book early to avoid missing out.