

Links to documents on Spaying and Neutering too early in life

If your Vet has suggested, or you as an owner are thinking of spaying or neutering your dog, then please read the information on the links provided and make your own **informed** decision. The picture at the end of these links displays the average age when each of the growth plates close.

No one is saying 'don't spay or neuter'! Just consider at what age you do it, because allowing a dog to mature before it is spayed or neutered is thought to be far more beneficial long term to its physical and mental health and its overall health and wellbeing.

Always spay bitches mid-point between seasons, this helps because the hormone levels are at their lowest point.

If your male dog is trying to mount you or other dogs then this is usually a training issue and nothing to do with needing castration.

<http://www.aunzers.com/HD/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enPCZA1WFKY>

<http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/news/health-implications-in-early.html>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23418479>

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/06/26/early-neutering-effects.aspx?e_cid=20130626_PetsNL_art_1&utm_source=petnl&utm_medium=email&utm_content=art1&utm_campaign=20130626

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2014/06/13/neutering-spaying-cancer-risk.aspx>

http://news.ucdavis.edu/search/news_detail.lasso?id=10498

<http://www.naiaonline.org/pdfs/LongTermHealthEffectsOfSpayNeuterInDogs.pdf>

http://www.caninesports.com/uploads/1/5/3/1/15319800/spay_neuter_considerations_2013.pdf

<https://www.facebook.com/DogsFirstIreland/photos/a.396088297121219.90023.154235037973214/746188708777841/?type=1&fref=nf>

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2011/04/14/ovariectomy-safer-alternative-to-pet-spaying.aspx>

<http://www.provet.co.uk/health/diagnostics/growthplatedogs.htm>

Wheaten Health Initiative Newsletter also has an article re Spay & Neuter:

<http://www.wheatenhealthinitiative.com/Pages/pdf%20files/news2312.pdf>

<http://retrieverlife.com/ive-change-heart-spaying-neutering/>

<http://www.smartbrief.com/02/17/13/study-assesses-neutering-and-health-conditions-dogs#.VAngQ7kg-xA>

<http://phys.org/news/2013-02-golden-neutering-affects-dog-health.html>

<http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/January-2012/Is-Early-Neutering-Hurting-Pets/>

<http://avmajournals.avma.org/doi/pdf/10.2460/javma.231.11.1665>

https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/130401s.aspx#.Ub-G6aZ_zuR.facebook

<http://www.savethedals.org/earlyneuter.htm>

<http://www.showdogsupersite.com/kenclub/breedvet/neutr.html>

<http://www.showdogsupersite.com/kenclub/breedvet/castrationindogs.html>

http://www.petresource.com/Articles%20of%20Interest/new_views_on_neutering.htm

http://prdupl02.ynet.co.il/ForumFiles_2/23999370.pdf

<http://www.doglistener.co.uk/neutering/rspca.shtml>

<http://www.wholedognews.com/>

<http://www.columbusdogconnection.com/Documents/PedRebuttal%20.pdf>

<http://www.radiopetlady.com/dog-talk.htm>

<http://homepage.psy.utexas.edu/HomePage/Faculty/Gosling/reprints/AABS05DogPersonalityReview.pdf>

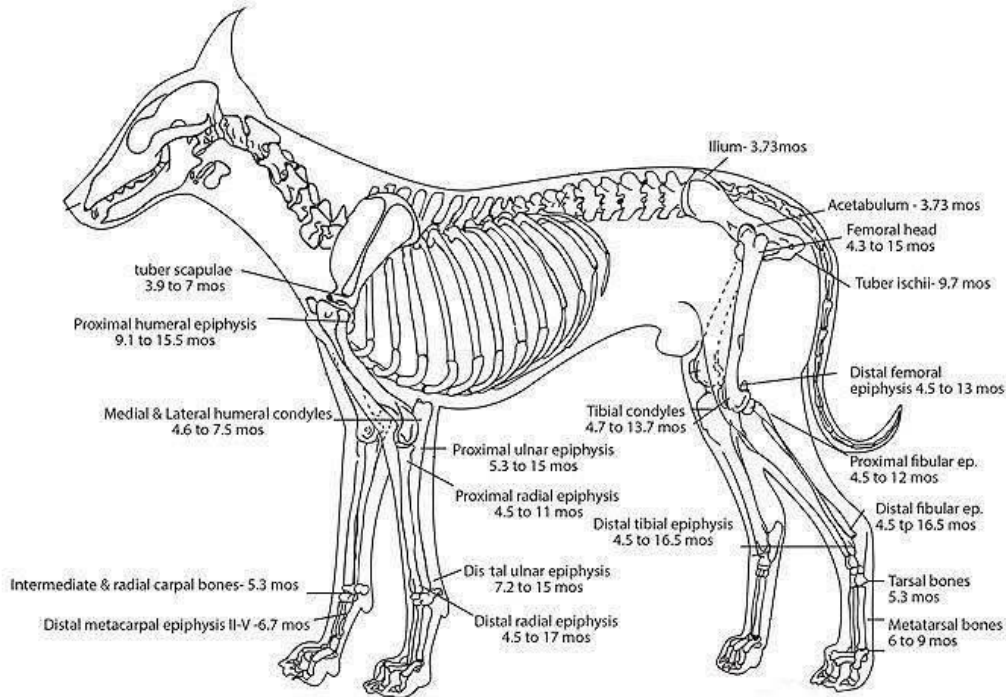
<http://saveourdogs.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Aggression-and-spay-neuter-in-dogs.pdf>

<http://www.angryvet.com/neutering-and-behavior/>

<http://users.skynet.be/fa242124/a-english/castration-dogs.html>

See picture below:

CANINE GROWTH PLATE CLOSURE - AVERAGE TIME



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“**Dogs First** with Liz Killingworth

YOU WANT TO NEUTER AT WHICH AGE?

Testosterone and estrogen, produced by the sex organs (testes in males and ovaries in females), are absolutely central to the closure of the growth plates in you and your dog. Now, if good joints were what you are after, what age would seem appropriate to safely stop sex hormone production in a dog?”