**Neutering policy**

**Male Dogs**

At The Cav Club all clients are advised that it is our preference for all male dogs to be neutered however we assess dogs individually. We will, however, have an initial telephone conversation with the client to assess the dog, their temperament and behaviour to decide if a meet and greet is still suitable as we understand the need for individual choice and that of the animal’s welfare needs and their health status. Not all dogs act the same and are therefore assessed on an individual case by case basis.

**Female Dogs**

Bitches that are in season will not be accepted for boarding with dogs from other households. If we are boarding a female dog that is unspayed we would always seek guidance from the client regarding her season dates. If that bitch were to come into season during her stay we make the client aware and potentially seek advice from a vet, if necessary. As our resident dogs are all female and we only board two boarding dogs we would assess the situation as to the number of dogs from other households at the time of her stay. If there were to be a male dog boarding then we may have to take action to isolate the female as even when a male has been neutered there is a chance they can still tie and this can cause stress to the male dog.

The dogs will always be closely monitored and supervised and will always be with the licensee however all precautions will be taken if the licensee was to be out of the room and the female taken with her. In the most severe of cases the bitch will be placed in a crate to separate her to prevent any potential to mate. No intact males will be permitted on the premises if an unspayed bitch is on the premises.