

Desexing your rabbit

Should I desex my rabbit?

Female rabbits should be desexed to prevent development of uterine cancer as there is a high chance of female rabbits contracting the cancer if they are not bred from. If you want to have more than one rabbit, then you will need to desex your rabbits. Two entire male rabbits living together will tend to fight, and two entire female rabbits can often fight just as viciously. An entire male and a desexed female can live together, but the male rabbit may become obsessive about marking his territory (spraying his urine around and very much dirtying his surroundings) He also may annoy the female rabbit by continually mounting her.

Many people find that after their male rabbit reaches 4 months of age, he starts urinating everywhere, mounting objects and becoming aggressive towards them, actually lunging and biting in some cases.

Desexing rabbits tends to reduce, if not eradicate, this behaviour.

Another interesting fact

Rabbits should never be fasted before surgery. Rabbits have sensitive digestive systems that can be easily upset by lack of food.