

5. Spaying and Castration

All working Guide Dogs are neutered before finishing their initial training. The advantage of this is as follows:

Bitches

- Prevents season occurring
- Prevents unwanted pregnancy
- Prevents attraction of males
- Prevents health problems in later life

Dogs

- Prevents marking of territory
- Prevents changes of temperament
- Reduces sexual desire
- Prevents health problems in later life

Although there are advantages to GDTx, there are also many advantages for the dog. In particular, neutering prevents various health problems in later life that are associated with intact animals.