

Neutering your Cat, don't waste time.

It is well known if you sleep in about addressing this issue you will , have an ever increasing number of cats.

Female kittens will come into season from as earlier as six months, there is a connection to increasing light in the day so generally from January to autumn time queens will come into season. They can have up to three litters in one year. A Queen will 'call' or come into season every two weeks if she does not get pregnant. This will attract Tomcats into the area, this can then become a noisy and often rowdy meeting.

I encourage neutering in male and female kittens from as early as 4 months, well before puberty and usually about one month after its 2nd vaccination.

Key areas of concern

Welfare and Population control;

There are too many unwanted kittens, and if not cared for they can suffer from infectious diseases like cat flu that involves sneezing , sore and mucky eyes and generally feeling poorly.

Reduction in cat wars and fights. A drinks advert in recent years highlighted very well that , we as Cat owner have no idea of the things they get up to when out on their social prowl. If not neutered this adventure becomes a lot more dangerous. Tom cats will regularly get into fights with others, defending their patch, which can lead to very sore 'Cat bite abscesses' and also increase the chances of Catching feline Aids (FIV) and Feline Leukaemia (felv). Both Queens and Toms will Stray from home and have an increased likelihood of road traffic accidents, which unfortunately we see quite often in practice.

Neutering involves a short general anaesthetic and surgical procedure in both males and females recovery is very quick and hopefully life back to normal as quick as possible.

If you have feral colonies in your locality it is worth contacting vets to try and help trap these for neutering therefore helping to control the population and disease spread