



## Highgate Veterinary Clinic Pet Information Sheet

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### Rabbit Neutering

We strongly recommend neutering of both male and female rabbits to promote happy and healthy rabbit keeping.

Neutering rabbits not only allows happy mixed sex groups of rabbits to be kept without risk of unwanted breeding, it also controls aggression and in the case of females prevents uterine cancer, which is very common.

Once male rabbits become sexually mature they become aggressive and rivalry between them often result in fighting.

Unneutered does can also be aggressive and are almost constantly in season. If left unchecked rabbits can produce around 3 litters a year with an average of 7 kits per litter. This certainly has the potential to increase the already high number of unwanted rabbits.

Bucks can be neutered as soon as their testicles appear (around 14-16 weeks) and does at around 6 months in larger breeds and 4 months in dwarf breeds

#### RSPCA

The RSPCA website contains lots of information and advice if you are considering keeping a rabbit as a pet.

<http://tinyurl.com/RSPCA-rabbits>



Photo Courtesy Tim Moore



Litter of rabbit kits.

Photo courtesy André Mouraux

During National Pet Month 2009 (April 4th - May 4th)  
Highgate Veterinary Clinic are offering  
**FREE Rabbit Health Checks.**  
Call 01597 721344 to make an appointment.  
Medicines and procedures required will be charged as usual.