

# THE COST OF

# DESEXING VS TREATMENT

By desexing your dog, you protect them from certain reproductive diseases and save money on vet bills

## DESEXING

Routine Day Surgery with a one-off cost ranging from:

**\$200-\$800**

Prices will vary depending on the veterinary clinic you choose, your dog's age, sex and weight (heavier and older dogs will be more expensive to desex).

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## PROBLEMS THAT CAN HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T DESEX YOUR DOG

### 1 PYOMETRA

- Infection (pus) in the uterus (womb) is usually fatal if not treated quickly.
- It leads to blood poisoning.
- Pyometra occurs in around **24% of all female dogs** that are not desexed by ten years of age.

Cost → **\$2,000**

### 2 CAESAREAN (C-SECTION)

- Cost can be up to \$6,000 if surgery needs to be done after hours or if there are complications.
- Price **does not change** if there are no surviving puppies.

Cost → **\$2,500**

### 3 MAMMARY CANCER (BREAST CANCER)

- The chance of a bitch getting mammary cancer is lower when they are desexed.
- Desexing a bitch when she is young is likely to provide some protection against breast cancer.

Cost → **\$4,100**

### 4 PROSTATIC ABSCESS (PROSTATE INFECTION)

- Painful and makes it hard to pee and poo.
- Can lead to blood poisoning.
- **Very rare** in desexed males.

Cost → **\$2,000**

Please note, all figures are approximate and intended as a guide only.



RSPCA NSW subsidised desexing programs may be available for qualifying pet owners, subject to terms and conditions.

# THE COST OF PARVO

## VACCINATION VS TREATMENT

**!** Without treatment, 90% of dogs who get parvo will die.



- Parvo is a very serious virus that spreads through the poo of sick dogs.
- Dogs don't need to touch each other to catch it - the virus can **live on the ground** in parks, backyards, or anywhere sick dogs have been **for years**, infecting other dogs.
- Because the virus is invisible and hard to avoid, the best way to protect your dog is through **vaccination**.



### PARVOVIRUS CAUSES:

- Low energy
- Vomiting (sometimes with blood)
- Not eating
- Dehydration
- Blood in diarrhoea / poo
- Infection

### Most dogs will die without treatment.

Parvo causes dogs to suffer, so they must see a vet if they get sick.



#### Vaccination helps the whole community.

- Vets can give your dog a needle to stop them from getting sick.
- Adults and puppies should get vaccinated.



#### Puppies are at the highest risk of infection. They also commonly spread parvo to other dogs.

- Puppies need **at least 2 doses of vaccine**.
- Vaccinating puppies reduces the risk of getting parvo for **all dogs in your area**.

### PARVO IS PREVENTABLE WITH VACCINATION

Average cost:

**\$140** per dose

- Puppies need 2-3 doses before they are fully protected (\$280 - \$420).
- Adults dog should have vaccinations throughout their life as advised by a vet.

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### AVOIDABLE TREATMENT

Average cost if your dog gets parvo:

**\$1,500**

- Prices can be higher depending on how sick your dog gets.
- Intensive care in hospital may be needed for many days.
- Your dog can still die despite treatment.

**Protect your pet and your wallet.  
Book a vaccination at your local vet today.**