

## **The Irish Blue Cross Neuter Policy**

The Irish Blue Cross expects clients to have their pet neutered at the earliest opportunity.

This must be done within 6 months of registering with The Irish Blue Cross or within 6 months of being advised of the policy.

The only exception to this is if a vet at The Irish Blue Cross Inchicore clinic has advised otherwise or that the pet should be neutered at a later age due to size.

Neutering is an important preventative healthcare procedure. It is a proven method of preventing life-threatening conditions such as:

- Mammary cancer
- Ovarian cancer
- Womb infections
- Prostate disease
- Testicular cancer

If an Irish Blue Cross client refuses to neuter their pet, they will need to attend an alternative veterinary clinic for all their pet's healthcare.

## **The Irish Blue Cross Breeding Policy**

As an animal welfare charity, The Irish Blue Cross cannot justify the use of its limited resources to support owners who are breeding pets.

The charity does not offer treatment if:

- the owner has already been informed of our neutering and breeding policies
- the pet has been mated intentionally
- the pet is mated accidentally and there is reasonable expectation that the resulting offspring could be sold for financial gain
- the owner refuses or has already refused veterinary recommendations (e.g., neutering)

The owner must attend an alternative veterinary clinic for all the pets and any of its offspring's needs.

## **The Irish Blue Cross 2 Pet policy**

The Irish Blue Cross allows clients to register a maximum of 2 pets per household.

This ensures that our veterinary services reach as many households as possible.