




Management of intact male dogs

- Your dog will reach sexual maturity around 5-12 months 
- During this time you may notice a change in his behaviour
- Follow the tips below to help manage your intact male dog



Separation

- If you have an intact female dog at home, try and keep the two dogs separate to avoid mating
- Use kennels, other rooms, or a garage to keep dogs separated



Control

- Keep your dog indoors or on a leash if outside
- Prevent free roaming by building a fence around your property
- Avoid dog parks, dog classes or other highly dog populated areas



Behaviour

- Watch for certain behaviours intact male dogs may display such as: flirty ears, licking, pawing and nose poking
- if you see these behaviours you may be able to intervene quicker and potentially stop your dog from mounting a female dog

Protection

- Half body wraps can be used to cover your dogs genitals
- This will stop your dog from being able to mount a female dog, but separation of females and males is still the best course of action



Training

- Urine marking: try redirecting or distracting your dog as soon as you see him sniffing or about to mark indoors (clap, shake keys etc.) Clean previously marked areas with enzymatic cleaners to avoid repeat marking.
- Aggression: try distraction techniques (use of treats or commands to distract from the situation)
- Allow socialization with neutered or spayed dogs



Neutering



- Book your pet in to be neutered by a licensed veterinarian when possible
- Keep an eye out for NECO clinics that may be coming to your area!

For more information on managing intact male dogs visit these ASPCA websites

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