

## FEEDING AFTER DESEXING YOUR CAT OR DOG

**Research shows that appetite increases but energy requirements decrease after desexing. This change can happen in as little as 2 days. This change effects BOTH males and females.**

**What this means for you**, is that your pet will gain weight and become obese if YOU do not control their food intake post-surgery. After all, most of our pets do not open the cupboard themselves. Any large weight gain can contribute to chronic, painful or potentially fatal diseases later in life such as Diabetes, degenerative joint disease (arthritis) and heart disease.

### **What can you do?**

Simple. Either decrease the amount of your pet's normal food by 30% after surgery or, better still, change over to a super premium pet food specifically designed for your pet's needs after desexing. Pet food is one of the few things in life where you really do get what you pay for. The quality of ingredients, the balance and the research behind them far exceeds that of supermarket foods. Ingredients remain the same from batch to batch - a particularly important issue for pets with "sensitive" stomachs. Ingredients in supermarket foods can change from batch to batch and do not ligally have to match the ingredient list.

While super premium foods are more expensive to purchase, each meal is smaller, so per feed, they are usually little/no more expensive than the supermarket brands. Added to this, super premium foods like Royal Canin, also address other problems frequently suffered by our pets within the same diet. Healthier pets are what we want, fewer vet visits are what you would like. For example, the Royal Canin canine adult small breed will not only help control weight, but also promote good dental health (small dogs are particularly prone to dental disease). Always remember that while supermarket foods may claim to contain many of the same beneficial ingredients as the super premium foods, it is rarely at the same levels, so the benefits are less.

**If you have any questions about which food is best for your pet and how best to change over, please ask any of our staff. We are all here to help keep your pet as healthy as possible.**

Feeding cost comparison (at recommended daily intakes):

	<b>dry only</b>	<b>wet only</b>	<b>wet/dry</b>
<b>CATS</b>			
Dine	\$ 0.63	\$5.02	\$2.85
Purina	\$1.00	\$5.14	\$3.07
<b>Royal Canin</b>	\$0.96	\$5.53	\$3.25
<b>DOGS (for 8-10kg dog)</b>			
My Dog	\$1.19	\$9.52	\$3.23
		gourmet trays	
		\$3.48 cans	\$2.34
<b>Royal Canin</b>	\$1.90	can moisten with hot water	
small dog adult neutered			