



MADI - Microchipping and Desexing Initiative - is a community outreach program aimed at improving the welfare of pets in the community. But MADI provides so much more than that!



### Did you know?

In partnerships with councils, MADI offers heavily discounted rates for cat desexing, microchipping and animal registration.

Our team of experienced staff are also available to provide additional pet care advice to customers who utilise the service.

From time to time MADI also runs pop-up mobile adoption events!

### THE BENEFITS OF DESEXING

There are many reasons why pet cats remain undesexed but it is not because their owners do not care for them.

We understand the cost of veterinary surgery can mean months of saving for some families during which time a cat can produce a litter of kittens that may end up in an animal shelter or face a difficult life on the streets.

Desexing can have a number of benefits on a cat's health and behaviour.

By having your cat desexed you will be reducing his or her chance of developing certain types of cancer. The urge to mate will also be eliminated, lessening the occurrence of some undesirable and territorial behaviours.

### WHAT IS THE MADI MOBILE PET CARE WINNEBAGO?

The MADI Mobile Pet Care winnebago is a fully-equipped mobile vet surgery, featuring an airconditioned surgery area, preparation area and 12 cat recovery cages.

Our caring and compassionate mobile veterinary team has extensive knowledge and vast experience in cat desexing surgery procedures.

All instruments are sterilised prior to use and our mobile theatre provides a sterile environment for your cat's surgery.

### HOW MUCH DOES THE MOBILE CAT DESEXING SERVICE COST?

The cost for cat owners varies between \$50 - \$80 per cat (depending on the funding subsidised by the individual council / partner) which includes desexing, microchipping and council animal registration.

### IS IT THE SAME PRICE FOR BOTH MALES AND FEMALES?

Yes - although the cost to desex a female is generally greater, we are pleased to be able to offer the same discounted price for both male and female cats.

## WHEN WILL THE MOBILE CAT DESEXING SERVICE NEXT BE COMING TO MY AREA?

We advertise all of our upcoming MADI events on The Lost Dogs' Home website - [dogshome.com/events/](https://dogshome.com/events/). Or, to go on the waiting list and find out further information, please email [events@dogshome.com](mailto:events@dogshome.com)

## HOW DO I BOOK MY CAT IN FOR DESEXING SURGERY?

Bookings and secure payment can be made online via the Trybookings website.

Demand is very high and places do fill up quickly, so we advise you to book your appointment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you miss out on a booking, please email [events@dogshome.com](mailto:events@dogshome.com) so you can be placed on the relevant waiting list.

## HOW OLD DOES MY KITTEN/CAT NEED TO BE?

Kittens can be desexed from nine weeks of age as long as they weigh a minimum of 800 grams. Adult cats can be desexed up until eight years.

All cats must be in a good health to have the operation done in our mobile desexing van.

Kittens can become fertile as early as four months of age and a single female can produce an average of three litters of kittens per year, so its important that you desex your cat as early as possible.

## MY CAT IS PREGNANT / JUST HAD KITTENS. WHEN CAN SHE BE DESEXED?

A female cat can be desexed as soon as her litter is weaned, this usually starts when the kittens are six weeks.

The mother will usually stop producing milk after the procedure so its important the kittens are feeding by themselves before she is desexed.

The pregnancy surcharge is \$25.00 per cat and is payable on the day.

**If you have questions on your individual situation, please call Community Outreach on 9321 8764.**

## THE EVENT I WANT TO GO TO IS ALREADY BOOKED OUT. CAN I GO ON A WAITING LIST?

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To be placed on our waiting list, please email your details to [events@dogshome.com](mailto:events@dogshome.com) and include your name, number, council and cat details.

## CAN I MAKE PAYMENT ON THE DAY?

**No** – a credit card payment must be made at the time of booking to secure your appointment.

## CAN I HOLD A BOOKING TIME?

**No** – due to high demand, unfortunately holds are not available and a booking will not be confirmed until payment is received.

## WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?

If you need to cancel your cats appointment, please do so at least 24 hours before the admission time to receive a full refund.

If canceled within 24 hours of the appointed admission time we cannot offer you a refund. This includes cancellations for the following reasons:

- your cat has run away
- your cat is pregnant
- your cat is already desexed

## WHAT IS INVOLVED IN A CAT DESEXING SURGERY?

Once your cat has been checked over and deemed suitable for surgery your veterinarian will give your cat a general anaesthetic. It's important that your cat's stomach is empty for surgery so you will be asked to remove food from 8pm the night before and to keep your cat indoors so that it cannot hunt.

The veterinarian will make a small incision and remove part of your cat's reproductive system – this is generally called spaying in females and neutering in males. Your cat will receive stitches/sutures, fluids to assist with recovery and pain relief medication, along with constant monitoring by our experienced veterinary team. At discharge/collection time you will also be provided with post-operative care information by a staff member.

Please note that our mobile service does not offer a pre-anaesthetic blood profile to check your cat's organ health. You are welcome to have this test performed at your local veterinarian prior to the day.

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### WHAT TIME CAN I PICK MY CAT UP ON THE DAY?

Owners will be contacted on the day when their cats are ready to be discharged. We cannot provide accurate pick up times when the cats are admitted due to the nature of high volume desexing and the individual cats recovery after surgery. We ask owners to remain flexible on the day so they are available to collect their cats as soon as they are called.

### CAN YOU DO VACCINATIONS AS WELL AS DESEXING ON THE SAME DAY?

Our mobile service is not offering vaccinations at this time; however we encourage you to visit your local veterinarian or our Frank Samways Vet Clinic for vaccinations and a check-up.

It is not a requirement for the cats to be vaccinated prior to their desexing appointments, however owners will be asked to sign a vaccination waiver on the day.

### DO YOU OFFER A MOBILE DESEXING SERVICE FOR DOGS TOO?

At the moment MADI's main focus is cat desexing as it continues to pose a wider community issue. Additionally due to space limitations, MADI is not able to accommodate dogs.

We offer dog desexing at our Frank Samways Vet Clinic in Nth Melb (8379 4498); or the National Desexing Network has information on low cost dog and cat desexing - [www.ndn.org.au](http://www.ndn.org.au)

### CAN I BOOK ON BEHALF OF A FRIEND?

Bookings can be made on another person's behalf as long as the person making the booking has all relevant details, e.g. full name, DOB, address, cat details, etc.

Written permission needs to be provided by the owner if someone else is dropping off and / or collecting an animal on their behalf.

### DO YOU COME BACK TO SOME COUNCILS MORE THAN ONCE A YEAR?

Depending on demand in their municipalities, some councils book in multiple events throughout the year whereas others may just book in a one-off event.

### WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED ON THE DAY?

The only documentation owners will need to bring along on the day is a copy of their online booking confirmation, as well as any veterinarian documentation if related to specific medical conditions.

If the cat has a pre-existing microchip then owners are encouraged to bring along proof of ownership on the day.

### WHAT ADDITIONAL SERVICES DOES YOUR MOBILE DESEXING SERVICE OFFER?

- Flea and worming: \$15.00 (for one month)
- For female cats – Intradermals (dissolvable sutures): \$10.00
- Elizabethan collars: \$7.50
- FIV Tests (for cats 6 months and over): \$20.00
- Microchipping (for animals not booked in for desexing): \$30.00

For further information, please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator on 9321 8764 or [events@dogshome.com](mailto:events@dogshome.com).



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Since our official opening in 1913, we have been a voice for animals without owners caring for thousands of cats and dogs each year. Pioneers for fair animal laws, we continue to work on the front line to reduce the number of lost, abandoned and stray cats and dogs.

We rely on public support to run services and programs, including: proactive adoption, foster care, behaviour rehabilitation, low cost desexing and microchipping, and the promotion of better pet ownership through education.