

# AGRESSIVENESS AND SPAYING FEMALE DOGS



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## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this Final Degree Project is to identify the main factors that cause aggressiveness in female dogs and how spaying affects behavioural problems. Thus, help veterinarians to consider spaying as a solution against aggressiveness in bitches.

<b>Most common causes of aggressiveness</b>	
Breed, genetics	Learned behaviours
Stress	Pain
Socialization	Pathologies

## Indications and contraindications of spaying aggressive bitches

- Intrasexual aggressiveness associated with the oestrus cycle.
- Undesirable behaviors during the reproductive cycle.
- Bitches with hyperestrogenism due to ovarian cysts or neoplasms.

- Intrasexual aggressiveness non associated with the oestrus cycle.
- Competitive aggressiveness.
- Fear-induced aggression.
- Bitches on the diestrus phase of the cycle.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the effects of spaying aggressive bitches are still controversial, as aggressiveness is the result of many factors. Further clinical trials should be conducted on the effects of gonadal hormones related to aggressiveness, as the results of the last studies are contradictory and each particular case should be studied individually.