Contraception and Non-surgical Sterilization for CATS!

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Survey Respondents...

- Pedigreed Cat Breeder: 81%
- Pet Cat Owner: 47%
- Veterinarian: 11%
- International Respondent: 4%
- Other: 3%

Respondents’ Spay & Neuter Experience

- Use a private veterinarian: 91%
- Use low cost spay/neuter services: 28%
- Prefer juvenile spay/neuter (under 4 mon): 39%
- Sterilize all kittens/cats prior to sale: 47%
- Prefer to sell kittens with a contract requiring spay/neuter: 17%
At what age do females, in your breed, have their first heat?

- 4-5 months: 10%
- 6-8 months: 43%
- 9-12 months: 6%
- Over one year: 14%
- Depends on the time of year: 28%
- Varies with each female: 26%

How often do your cats come in heat?

- Not consistent: 34%
- Rarely and/or once a year: 8%
- Every 4 weeks: 39%
- Every 2 weeks: 25.7%
- Non-stop: 6.0%

Do you control heat cycles in your show cats?

- No, I do not control heat cycles: 70%
- Yes, I control heat cycles: 18%

If so.........How?

- Ovaban
- Depo-Provera
- Sterile thermometer or a Q tip to induce ovulation
- Teaser Tom (vasectomized or neutered male)
- Light exposure control
- Other
Comments........

• It is very dangerous to interrupt heat cycles artificially.
• We do not; although I would LOVE to know how!
• Acupressure technique is sometimes successful.
• Medroxyprogesterone Acetate, but only as a LAST resort.

• If Suprelorin became available here, I would try it, given the input from my European friends.

• DRUGS should NOT be used on females to show them !!! It would be cheating.....

Have your females every had pyometra or cystic ovaries?

- Yes: 67%
- No, never: 33%

Comments – pyometra or cystic ovaries?

• Only prior to use of Suprelorin !
• I can almost guarantee one or the other will occur if my females are unmated for any length of time.
• Especially in Burmese.
• Pyo is common in my breed – Havana Browns.
If there were an FDA approved, SAFE, REVERSIBLE, contraceptive for female cats would you welcome this?

- Yes: 90%
- No: 10%

Would you want permanent sterilization for cats?

- Male Kittens: 65% Yes, 35% No
- Male Cats: 74% Yes, 26% No
- Female Kittens: 68% Yes, 32% No
- Female Cats: 80% Yes, 20% No

- YES PLEASE!, Absolutely!, Immediately!
- I would be thrilled to have this option!
- Maybe, depending on reviews of use in different breeds of cats.
- We mess around with nature too much - Breed or spay......
Nepenthes Abyssinians