

## **What should I do if.....my bitch is caught by male dog when in season?**

If you have an unspayed bitch which is accidentally mated you have three possible courses of action. Firstly, you can allow the pregnancy to proceed- this is not advisable for a variety of reasons. If you did decide to do this we would urge you to have the pregnancy confirmed by ultrasound at around 4 weeks after mating. Secondly you can arrange for her to be spayed. This can be done around 4 weeks after mating and would be before the pregnancy was significantly advanced. The third option is to call the surgery and arrange for a course of contraceptive injections. Our policy requires these to be given within the first week after mating. The course involves 2 injections given 24 hours apart. If your bitch is mismated you should contact the surgery as soon as possible to discuss the best option and to get an estimate of costs.

Better still, if you are not intending to breed from her, get her spayed and avoid the worry.