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Let me look into this. I believe that the uterine cancer, like in some other species is related to influence from the hormones produced by the ovaries. But maybe this is not completely well established. I know that doing just an ovary removal is well accepted in other species. We do it in rats for instance and it is much simpler and less invasive then doing a complete ovariohysterectomy. However, this is a sticky issue because of the incidence in some population of rabbits of uterine adenocarcinoma.

let me see what I can find and report back to you.

Susan Brown, DVM

On Aug 27, 2008, at 3:31 PM, Sandi wrote:

This is a new one on me! We took in 23 very social pet rabbits who had been dumped. (I suspect it's someone from Craigs List, who is taking in rabbits only if people will give her a "donation" and ended up with too many.) Several had been neutered, one previous spayed and the interesting one had her ovaries removed, but not her uterus.

Our vet says that this has become the latest fad surgery in Europe and that it's being discussed at exotic vet conferences here in the US. She said it's commonly done on cats because it's fast and therefore a lot less expensive to go in over the "flanks" and take just the ovaries and that cats aren't prone to uterine cancer the way rabbits are.

Apparently at least one vet in my area is doing it! In my opinion we need to put a stop to this immediately. Otherwise we'll have rabbits, who are unable to get pregnant, but are once again dying of uterine cancer!

Can the vets on this list please speak up on the exotic lists and explain why this is a bad idea. Perhaps within our local chapters we can send a post card to all of the vets in our areas explaining this. (Maybe national could help with wording.) Geeze! It's taken the HRS 20 Years to get this far and now we're about to go backwards. 😞

Sandi

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