New recommendations for spay/neuter

Large breed and giant breed dogs should be neutered or spayed between 1 and 2 years of age. Several recent publications suggest that we can decrease occurrence of urinary incontinence and joint disorders by delaying procedure to this age period. Breeds specifically identified in studies include Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, and German Shepherds.

Small breed and medium breed dogs will continue to be neutered or spayed around 6 months of age.