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VCI Public consultation on Canine Surgical Artificial Insemination

Thank you for inviting the Irish Veterinary Nursing Association (IVNA) for their input regarding the Council's current position on Canine Surgical Artificial Insemination.

It is the opinion of the IVNA committee that this act of veterinary medicine be prohibited without exemptions. Our concerns are as follows:

- Serious ethical concerns about how Surgical AI impacts on animal welfare
- The associated risks to the anaesthetised patient including the risk of infection
- Associated post-operative pain
- Patient morbidity

As this procedure is of no benefit to the patient we question the motives of the owner and therefore consider it to be a form of mutilation alongside tail-docking and ear cropping.

We would support immediate prohibition as we do not see that there is any need for a phased-out approach.

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