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Inappropriate Mounting

Masturbation is normal among male and female dogs. It becomes a problem to owners as it is embarrassing and distasteful to watch. Some offenders are hypersexual and have a history of sexual behavior when young.

Treatment:

1. **Castration** = Surgical – removal of the testicles or chemical. Sexual mounting was reported to decrease in 67% of dogs after castration, so mating behavior can still persist in some dog's post-castration. Castration only reduces testosterone production, as a small amount is still produced by the pineal gland in the brain.

2. **Behavior modification** will only work if the dog has some response to simple commands, such as come, sit and stay without handling or touching the dog. ***All fondling and petting must stop.***

As soon as behavior begins:

1. Distract the dog so as to divert their attention towards some external activity.
E.g. - Squeaky toy
 - Throw a ball
 - Metal sound, i.e., drop a tin can
2. Once distracted, praise the dog with "happy" voices.
Food is usually less effective, but if very food orientated try this

Interestingly, masturbation is never a problem if owners have begun obedience training before puberty (about 12-14 weeks old).

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