

**Heat Suppression and Mis-Mating Treatments (Misalliance)
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HEAT SUPPRESSION & MIS-MATING TREATMENTS

Heat Suppression injection

Rather than spay a bitch or undergo the rigours of a bitch's 'season', there is a temptation to use the regular injection to prevent heats from occurring. This is a very heavily suppressive drug and there have been many reports of mammary cancers developing in bitches who are injected with it. It is a potentially painful injection, which may also make the hair grow white at the site of injection. We have also witnessed several cases of drastic (near-fatal) peripheral vascular spasm (arthus reaction), following such treatments, such cases requiring extensive skin grafting surgery once the reaction has subsided, with homeopathic help.

The AVMC strongly advises against using any such injection.

N.B. Even in practices where that opinion is not so strongly held, it is not advised by many vets, for use in a bitch who may later be required for breeding.

Mis-mating or Misalliance injection

This is usually an oestrogen-type drug, which can be given soon after an unwanted mating, in order to prevent conception. It is potentially dangerous and **must not be repeated** in any given season. It may even prolong the season, making the risk of a further accidental mating that much higher.

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In either case, hormone balance is disturbed and anticipated heats (seasons) subsequent to such treatments can be altered or delayed. Infertility can follow.

The **AVMC** advises against using such treatments, unless they become essential. Treatment with [homeopathy](#) may or may not be able to counteract the consequences.

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