

East End Veterinary Medical Centre

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Castration/Neuter (Orchiectomy)

Client Handout

General Information:

Castration is the surgical removal of the testicles. Such surgery is performed to eliminate sexual activities and render the dog sterile. Castration usually (but not always) reduces a dog's tendency to roam and fight. The general level of aggression may also be reduced. However castration is not replacement for obedience training by the owner!

Home Care:

****After arriving home, allow your pet to calm down for about 30 minutes.****

- 1) Offer a small amount of water and food at first and SLOWLY. We do not want any vomiting because he ate too much too quickly!
- 2) Feed small amounts of his regular food throughout the evening. Do not feed him anything he is not accustomed to.
- 3) Your pet may not eat tonight. It is common for an animal not to eat the day of surgery.

Begin Normal Feeding Tomorrow

Exercise:

- 1) Restrict his activities for seven days after surgery.
- 2) Do not make him go up and down steps for the next couple of days.
****Move his food and water if necessary****
- 3) No walks for 5-7 days.

Incision:

- 1) Check the incision site at least once daily. Report any abnormalities to the doctor.
- 2) No baths until the sutures are removed.

Suture Removal:

- 1) The sutures need to be removed in 10-14 days. Please call to make an appointment.

Notify us if any of the following occur:

- 1) Your pet chews or damages the incision.
- 2) Your pet seems depressed or refuses to eat.
- 3) The incision is red or swollen or has any discharge.

Thank you for trusting us with the care of your pet!
The staff of East End Veterinary Medical Centre