

Post-operative care of the castrated dog

After admission your pet will be given a pre-med to relax him prior to preparation for surgery, which consists of shaving a wide area and thoroughly cleansing the op site and surrounding skin. There may or may not be a clip mark on the foreleg where drugs were given intravenously.

Your pet will have had surgery to perform a castration, where both testicles are removed. He has had a general anaesthetic using the “Gold Standard” of Propofol Injection followed by Isoflurane in Oxygen. This is a very safe combination and means a gentle recovery with much less nausea. His tummy has been shaved, then thoroughly cleaned. He has been monitored constantly by a nurse until he has recovered from the anaesthetic.

Your pet should only be given light foods like fish, eggs or chicken with pasta for 24 hours. A convenient post-op recovery food is available from us for a small cost. Small drinks of water are fine. If he is sick often then you should phone any Parkside Vets branch for advice.

Sutures (stitches) need to be removed after 10 days. You will be given an appointment when you collect your pet from the surgery.

Due to the position of the wound we recommend that exercise is restricted and that your dog is kept on the lead for the first week. Should any swelling occur around the wound, or if it becomes weepy, please ring the surgery for advice. Where possible do try to prevent licking of the wound. Phone for advice if the licking is persistent.

After most routine operations, patients recover uneventfully so there will usually be no further charge after the initial payment. However, sometimes the animal will excessively clean its own wound and occasionally cause an infection. Please try to prevent this.

Further medication may become necessary which would not be covered by the original cost of the operation.



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