



# Ashland Animal Hospital

Progressive Compassionate Pet Care

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## Castration / Neutering in Cats

### General Information

Castration (Neutering) is the surgical removal of the testicles. When a cat is castrated before sexual maturity (6 to 8 months of age), the sexual characteristics fail to develop and the cat is sterile (unable to impregnate a female).

Sexually-driven behavior, such as roaming, fighting, and urine spraying, is either eliminated or markedly reduced. Neutered males may still enjoy hunting such things as mice, chipmunks, birds, and crickets. Neutering also reduces the strong the urine odor associated with male cats.

### Surgical Procedure

Your pet will be given a preoperative physical examination to help ensure its safety during anesthesia and surgery. The operation is performed under general anesthesia. Recovery is generally uneventful, the hospital stay is short, and aftercare is minimal.

### Home Care After Surgery

1. Diet: Follow the instructions checked.

Feed the normal diet.

Feed as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Activity: Confine your cat indoors for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

### Notify the Doctor is Any of the Following Occur:

- Your cat's urine is bloody.
- Your cat vomits or is reluctant to eat.
- Your cat seems depressed or lethargic.
- Bleeding or swelling occurs at the surgical site.