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Castration in Dogs

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 a replacement for obedience training by the owner.

In older dogs, castration may be necessary because diseases of the testicles or prostate gland develop.

Surgical Procedure

Your pet will be given a preoperative physical examination to help ensure its safety during anesthesia and surgery. Recovery is generally uneventful, and aftercare is minimal.

Home Care After Surgery

1. Activity: Restrict your pet's activity to on-leash walking for ____ days.
2. Incision: Check the incision at least once daily. Report any abnormalities to the doctor.
3. Sutures:
____ The sutures do not require removal.
____ Present your dog for suture removal in ____ days.
4. Special instructions: _____

Notify the Doctor if Any of the Following Occur

- Your pet chews or damages the incision.
- Your pet seems depressed or refuses to eat.
- The incision is red or swollen or oozes pus or blood.