

Southport Animal Hospital

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Canine Castration

Thank you for bringing your canine friend to us for his routine castration. Castration or “neutering” is a wise choice for today’s dog owners as it can resolve or prevent several potential problems, such as:

- Wandering
- Fighting
- Testicular and Prostatic Diseases
- And of course, UNWANTED PUPPIES!

Our castration method for immature dogs begins with an incision made just in front of the scrotum, as this area is easier to sterilize and provides better closure of the incision than if it were made on the scrotum itself. In mature dogs, an incision is made all the way around the scrotum, to remove excess skin and prevent post operative swelling. One at a time the testicles are pushed forward to the incision and out where we can tie off the associated blood vessels to minimize bleeding. The testicles are then removed. The incision is closed in two layers- the subcutaneous tissue and the skin. Almost all of our castration patients have dissolvable stitches, which do not require removal.

While this procedure is slightly faster than a female spay, it is still lengthy enough to require gas anesthesia. Most patients are waking up within 10 minutes of the procedure being completed, and the majority are ready to go home the same day. They are welcome, however, to spend the night with us if it is likely they will get a better night’s rest here.

At home, the incision should be monitored for excessive swelling or weeping of fluid from the site. Though you can expect your dog to move a bit slower or perhaps have a slight decrease in appetite for a few days, most castration patients are back to their old selves within 3-5 days.

Neutering can drop your pet’s calorie requirement by 25%, so it is important to adjust feeding to fit this new physiological state. Feel free to drop by for weigh ins anytime.

If you have any questions or concerns about your pet’s surgery, please do not hesitate to call us!

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Feline Neuter

Thank you for bringing your feline friend to us for his routine castration! Castration or “neutering” of male cats is a wise choice for today’s cat owners, as it resolves and/or prevents several problems, such as

- Urine spraying
- Wandering
- Fighting
- Testicular and prostatic diseases
- And of course, UNWANTED KITTENS

Our castration method involves making a linear incision in the centre of the scrotum, and then a small incision over each testicle, allowing for its removal. Blood vessels are tied off to prevent bleeding and the incision is left open to heal on its own. The whole procedure is over very quickly and therefore, only injectable (rather than inhaled gas) anesthetic is needed. This generally means that the patient is awake soon after the procedure, and ready to go home later the same day.

The majority of neuter patients recover very quickly. Some slowness, or stiffness in movement for a few days is normal. The incision site should be monitored. There should not be any significant discharge and only minimal swelling.

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