

# DOGS



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**24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE\***

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Your dog has had a routine castration operation performed (both testicles removed under full anaesthetic).

Please observe the following instructions:

- Do not allow your dog to lick or scratch his wound, especially in the first few days. Continued licking or scratching can cause or worsen an infection, and can cause soreness and may open the wound. We recommend the use of an Elizabethan ('Buster') collar or T-shirt to prevent your pet from interfering with his wound. If your dog manages to remove any of his stitches, or the wound is showing signs of redness, swelling, bleeding or discharge, or develops a lump, please let us know straight away.
- In the evening after his operation offer your dog a small light meal (recovery diet, boiled chicken and rice, white fish or scrambled egg) or a small meal of his normal food. Do not worry if he does not want to eat, or even if he vomits after eating, as this is not unusual. Ensure fresh water is readily available. If your dog refuses to eat after the first day of recovery please contact us. If he vomits more than once please contact us.
- Even if your dog recovers quickly, strict rest is important. We advise minimal exercise for at least 2 days after surgery. This means a very short lead walk for toileting only. Exercise should continue to be restricted to moderate lead walks only for the next 7 days.
- Your dog may be quiet and sleepy for 24 hours or more after a general anaesthetic and on arriving home he may wish to rest. This is normal and he should be left to sleep for as long as he wishes. During this time, try to avoid disturbance by other pets or children and ensure your dog is in a warm, confined and safe environment where he cannot harm himself. Do not allow your dog to jump in and out of the car, on to furniture or to go up and down stairs as he may still be a bit unsteady and disorientated, and may fall. These after effects of anaesthesia normally pass within 24 hours. Please let us know if they persist.
- Some fur will have been clipped from one or more places. A front leg and/or the neck are the usual areas where anaesthetics, sedations, drips and drugs are injected and where blood samples are taken from. A large area of fur may be clipped from the operation site to prevent the fur from contaminating the surgical area. The hair will grow back in a few weeks, but may take longer in the summertime.
- Please be aware that your dog may remain fertile for up to 6 weeks after castration

**IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR DOG OR HAVE ANY QUERIES DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US - THERE IS SOMEONE AVAILABLE TO TAKE YOUR CALL 24 HOURS A DAY.**

**CALL US ON 01438 369390 OR OUR OUT OF HOURS COVER (RVC) ON 01707 666399.**

Follow Up Appointment (Free of Charge):

Medication	Dosage	Date to Start	AM/PM

Date	Time	Vet / Nurse

Stitches will be removed in \_\_\_\_\_ days.

There are no stitches to remove.

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