



Neuter/Castration

This procedure involves the complete removal of both testicles.

Potential Complications (during surgery and/or during recovery)

- Hemorrhage (excessive bleeding)
- Dehiscence (sutures coming undone)
- Swelling/inflammation at the incision site
- Seroma (a pocket of fluid)
- Infection
- Slow recovery
- Testicular remnant

If your pet has only one testicle descended at the time of surgery, a second incision will need to be made into the abdomen. Potential complication associated with this procedure include trauma to the ureter, testicular remnant.

Potential Anesthetic Complications

- Airway irritation
- Low blood pressure
- Hypothermia/hyperthermia
- Cardiovascular collapse
- Respiratory depression
- Gastric reflux
- Aspiration pneumonia
- Hypoxic brain damage
- Embolism
- Death

Metacam

Metacam is a non-steroid anti-inflammatory (NSAID) medication commonly used for pain and inflammation. This medication is typically sent home after this surgery. It should not be given to dogs with the following (because it will make them worse):

- Underlying liver or kidney disease
- Gastro-intestinal issues (vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia)

While most young pets have no underlying issues, bloodwork may detect elevated kidney or liver values that would alter our decision to treat with NSAIDs. For this reason, it is recommended to have blood work run prior to surgery.

Recovery Time

Your pet will be monitored closely during surgery and as it awakens from anesthesia. Typically, pets go home the same day of surgery. Your pet will go home with instructions for at home care and exercise restriction.

