

Castration

“Neuter”

In order to provide the highest quality care for your pet, the staff at Rush Animal Care Clinic feels that you should be fully informed about the procedure, risks, and benefits involved with castration. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have concerning today’s procedure.

Procedure:

- 1. Prior to surgery, your pet will receive injections of both antibiotic and pain reliever to make him more comfortable.**
- 2. The surgical procedure itself involves the removal of both testicles through an incision ahead of the scrotum on dogs, or on the scrotum in the case of cats. Dissolving sutures are placed in the underlying tissue and underneath the skin. Skin-adhering glue is used to close the incision in dogs. With cats, the scrotum is allowed to close naturally.**
- 3. Your pet is allowed to rest until early afternoon when his vitals are reevaluated. If the progress is satisfactory, he will be released into your care.**

Possible Complications and Side Effects:

- 1. Anesthesia complications, such as prolonged recovery, vomiting, diarrhea, drop in or loss of appetite, organ impairment or dysfunction, death**
- 2. Delayed wound healing**
- 3. Suture abscesses**
- 4. Wound infection**
- 5. Self-inflicted trauma to the wound**
- 6. Hemorrhage (caused by ruptured vessels)**
- 7. Weight gain (a change in metabolism may occur due to the absence of circulating hormones)**

*****Please be aware that all undesirable behaviors are not hormonally driven*****

Benefits:

- 1. May aid in calming temperament**
- 2. May make him less likely to roam or fight**
- 3. Decreased incidence of perianal tumors**
- 4. Decreased probability of prostate enlargement**
- 5. May reduce likelihood of prostate infections and prostate cancer**