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**VETERINARY CARE**

## **INFORMATION SERIES**

### Canine Neuter Surgery

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## **The Facts About Canine Neuter Surgery**

Congratulations on deciding to neuter your dog. Neutering will eliminate the chance of testicular cancer and will drastically reduce the probability of developing painful prostate disease. Your dog will also be less prone to dominance aggression, urine marking, and roaming behaviors. Of course, you are also helping reduce the problem of pet overpopulation. Neutering involves surgical castration, or removal of the testicles. Hopefully, this will be the only major surgery your dog will ever need. It is important to choose carefully when interviewing potential surgeons. At Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care, we provide your pet the same high quality care we insist upon for our own pets. When it comes to surgical safety, we never cut corners to save cost.

The canine neuter surgery is done under general anesthesia. You should withhold all food from your pet after 10pm the night before his surgery. He should continue to have water available. At Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care, we are proud of the proven success of our As Safe As Possible (A.S.A.P.) Anesthesia techniques. The medical information section of this web page includes information on anesthesia in our practice. Please take a moment to review the time and effort we dedicate to providing your pet with the safest possible anesthetic experience.

Before surgery, an area around the scrotum and penis will be shaved and scrubbed with disinfectant. The surgery itself involves making a small incision and removing both testicles. Two layers of absorbable sutures are placed to hold the incision together. At CCVC, many dogs go home with no visible stitches. Occasionally a third layer of skin stitches is required.

As with any surgery, sterility is extremely important. To minimize the risk of infection, your pet's surgeon will scrub with potent antibacterial disinfectants and dress in sterile gown and gloves. He will also wear a surgical cap and mask during the procedure. Each patient is assigned an individual pack of surgical instruments that have been disinfected and steam sterilized. Both inside and outside each pack, indicator strips confirm sterility procedures have been effective. The sterile operating room at Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care is used exclusively for surgical procedures and is disinfected between every patient. We go the extra mile to minimize infection risk for your pet.

While our pets naturally hide pain better than we do, studies of their nervous systems demonstrate they feel pain with the same intensity. A major surgery, like a neuter, has the potential to cause significant pain if proper medications are not used. Every surgical patient at CCVC receives injectable narcotic pain medication. Some receive additional pain control including non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, local anesthetics, epidurals, or other advanced pain control medications. All patients are sent home with several days of additional pain control. Your pet is part of your family. We have a responsibility to keep him pain-free.

After his surgery, your pet will spend the night in our hospital. We will allow him to rest quietly in a comfortable cage with more than adequate pain control. We will evaluate his incision and temperature the next morning and send him home with written discharge instructions. A member of the CCVC medical team is always on call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to answer any questions you may have once your pet returns home.