

Anaesthetic/Pain

It is common to be subdued and sleepy following an anaesthetic.

He may not eat as much as usual tonight – this is normal.

Please ensure he is kept inside tonight - warm and dry.

Your dog has had a pain relief injection, which lasts up to 24hrs.

Some breeds are more sensitive to pain.

Signs of pain:

- Pacing
- Finding darkness
- Hiding away
- Howling
- Unable to get comfortable

If you think your dog is in pain, please phone the clinic. We may dispense additional pain relief if required.

Wound Infection

His wound is between the penis and the scrotum. His testicles have been removed.

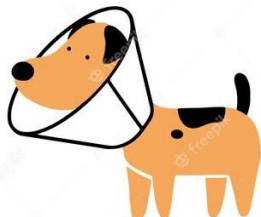
The wound will be tender and slightly red for a few days.

Keep a close eye on the wound, and scrotum for any:

- Redness
- Pus
- Weeping
- Swelling
- Discharge
- Heat

A small amount of citronella oil around (NOT on) the wound can help deter licking and chewing.

If he is constantly licking the wound, he may need an e-collar.

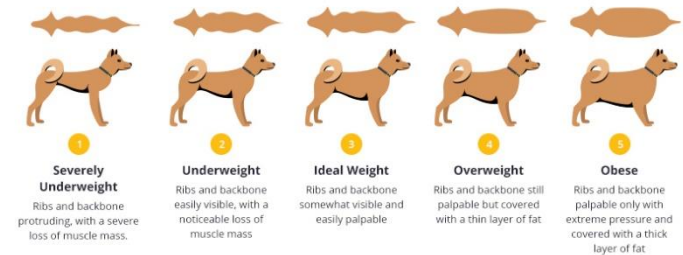


Diet Post Castrate

Your dog may require less food to maintain a healthy weight.

Some dogs need up to 1/3 less food, after neutering

BODY CONDITION SCORE: 5-POINT SCALE



We have a range of diets specially formulated for neutered/castrated animals which take into consideration the change in nutritional needs.

Please speak to our nurses or front staff for help with nutrition.

Your dog MUST be kept quiet.

Especially for the first 2-3 days.

Ideally 10 days until stitches come out.

- NO running
- NO jumping
- NO swimming
- NO playing rough with other dogs
- NO licking the wound site
- NO baths or grooming

Gentle leashed walks are fine.

Monitor the wound daily for signs of rubbing, infection, licking, chewing and pulling out stitches.

Please phone the clinic if you have any concerns.



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Today

Has been surgically castrated.

This means his testicles have been removed.

Please read this brochure for his post-operative care.



Stitches due out: _____

Appointment time: _____