

# Aftercare - Dog Castrate

Your dog has been castrated today through an incision in his testicles and he needs specific care for the next 7-14 days. He may not understand that he must rest, so we need you to assist him with this by keeping him as quiet as possible.

## Immediately after

When you pick him up from the clinic he may be a little drowsy. This is normal following anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12-24 hours. There may be some bruising and he may be sore around his genitals.

Tonight, keep him in a quiet, warm and safe place. Offer him plenty of water and a small amount of food when he gets home. His appetite should be back to normal tomorrow morning.

Heavily restrict his activity for the next 48 hrs. No unsupervised yard time, no running around the house. Use a crate if you have one, or keep him in a single room, with toilet breaks on a leash.

## Take care

Your dog should be recovered within 7 days. He has been given pain relief in the clinic, as well as take-home pain relief. Please follow all instructions for his medication, and please ensure his cone is kept on at all times for the next week at minimum. All efforts should be taken to prevent post-operative issues; re-anesthetizing post-operative patients for re-suture carries inherent risk. Restrict your pet's activity for 14 days after surgery - walk on a leash ONLY, no running or jumping. Keep the surgery site dry for at least 7 days after surgery - no baths, no washing, no swimming.

Your pet DOES NOT need stitch removal, however we would like to see your pet 7 days after surgery for a free recheck.

## Problems

Usually there are no complications after surgery, however there are some signs to watch out for that may indicate a problem.

- Not eating after the first 24hrs
- Dull or Listless after the first 24hrs
- Excessive redness, irritation or discharge at the surgery site
- Chewing at the surgery site
- Wound looking open/bleeding profusely

If you notice any of these signs or are concerned, please contact us at [meowandfriendsvet@gmail.com](mailto:meowandfriendsvet@gmail.com) or on Facebook messenger.

**If you feel you need EMERGENCY help, please go to the nearest animal emergency center.**

<b>Veterinary Referral Hospital</b> <b>36 Lonsdale St, Dandenong VIC 3175</b> <b>☎ 1300 385 874</b>	<b>Casey Pet Emergency</b> <b>4/471 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren VIC 3805</b> <b>☎ (03) 8790 1625</b>
<b>Peninsula Vet Emergency &amp; Referral Hospital</b> <b>Factory 2/161 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Mornington</b> <b>VIC 3931</b> <b>☎ (03) 5979 9600</b>	<b>Animal Emergency Centre - Frankston</b> <b>39 McMahons Rd, Frankston VIC 3199</b> <b>☎ (03) 9770 5555</b>

If you seek emergency medical care, please note that Meow and Friends are not financially responsible.