

CANINE NEUTER DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

Your dog has just had an operation to remove both his testicles. This operation was done under a gas aesthetic. He has been given a mild sedative and a medication for pain; therefore:

- he may be drowsy or less active for the rest of the day, but his activity should be back to normal tomorrow;

- he may be somewhat unsteady on his feet for the rest of the day.

As part of the surgery, we have closed the skin incision with *dissolving sutures which do not need* to *be removed*. Please check the surgery incision daily for swelling, redness, or discharge. Often there will be some bruising which will go away in a few days.

When you get your pet home, please observe the following points:

Today:

- avoid vigorous activity let him rest;
- watch him closely when going up or down stairs, or jumping on or off furniture;
- allow only a small amount of water or food about 1/4 of the normal amount; and
- watch very closely for licking at the incision *licking is not good and must be prevented.*

Over the next 3 or 4 days:

- watch closely for *licking or chewing* at the surgery site;
- check the incision closely for redness, swelling, or discharge;
- check for *normal appetite and activity* he should not seem to be in obvious pain.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything you see, please call us immediately at 586-9721.

Thank you for your caring and concern for the well-being of your pet. We appreciate your confidence in our staff to allow us to provide this service.

The Doctors and Staff of Machray Animal Hospital