

Cowesett Animal Hospital



Compassionate care ❖ Lifetime commitment

About Your Dog's Neuter

Procedure- under general anesthesia the testicles are removed from an incision just in front of the scrotum. The incision is closed in two layers and there may be sutures, tissue glue or staples to close the skin. Your pet must be fasted from solid food for 12 hours the night before. We will recommend preanesthetic lab work appropriate for his age. He will receive a preanesthetic exam, be given a sedative, have an intravenous catheter placed, be given anesthetic medication, have an endotracheal tube placed and receive anesthetic gas throughout the procedure. The surgical area will be clipped and scrubbed, sterile instruments, gowns and gloves will be used, and he will be monitored continuously by a surgical nurse as well as machines. He will be given pain medication and monitored throughout recovery; you will have a discharge appointment with written instructions.

Benefits- male dogs castrated as immature animals are less likely to roam, bite, aggress toward other dogs, urine mark in the house, or develop certain diseases of the reproductive organs. They are permanently unable to reproduce.

Aftercare- your pet will need to be leash walked short distances for 2 weeks, avoid rough play, observed for any problems with the incision, and kept in a clean environment. Your pet will have pain medication; he may need to wear a restraint device such as an Elizabethan collar to prevent licking. He will need a recheck appointment about two weeks later.

Risks-the risk of unexpected anesthetic death in veterinary patients may be 1 in 10,000 cases. There is the risk of infection, clipper irritation or other problems with the incision. There is the risk of bleeding into the scrotum, called scrotal hematoma (more likely to happen in large older dogs). Other, more rare, surgical complications may result. If your dog has a retained abdominal testicle complications include infection of the abdomen. Complications occur occasionally despite our best measures to control them and may incur additional charges.

We will treat your pet with TLC and are as concerned as you are about anesthetic safety, pain control and a good outcome.

I have read and understood this information and consent to this procedure for _____ . Preanesthetic labs accepted 0 declined 0
Owner/agent _____ Date _____