

Care of Your Dog after Castration

Your dog has been castrated which involved surgery in a very sensitive area and therefore needs care for some time after the event. Unfortunately dogs do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with his recovery.

Immediately After

When you pick your dog up from our hospital he may be a little drowsy. This is quite normal following an anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12 – 24 hours. There will be some bruising, so he should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days. Keep him in a quiet, warm place and feed him normally. Take him out to be toileted on a lead.

Take care

Most dogs have recovered fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that he may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything that he normally does which can delay the wound healing or even break sutures. Please try to keep him as quiet as possible until the sutures are removed in 10-14 days.

Problems

Generally there are very few complications after the operation, however, there are some signs to watch for that may indicate a problem.

1. Dull and listless (especially after the first 24 hours)
2. Excessive redness or irritated around the suture line
3. Swelling or lumpiness around suture

If you notice any of these signs please do not hesitate to call our clinic.