

# Alpine Animal Hospital

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## Orchidectomy (Castration/Neuter)

### Post-Surgical Instructions

#### *General Information:*

Orchidectomy is the surgical removal of the testicles. Such surgery is performed to eliminate sexual activities and render the pet sterile. Castration usually (but not always) reduces a pet's tendency to roam and fight. The general level of aggression may also be reduced. Castration is not a replacement for obedience training by the owner!

#### *Home Care:*

##### **Feeding:**

**\*\*After arriving home, allow your pet to calm down for about 30 minutes.\*\***  
Offer a small amount of water at first, followed by 1/2 of your pet's regular dinner. Your pet may not want to eat at all tonight. Do not feed him anything he is not accustomed to. Normal feeding may resume tomorrow.

##### **Exercise:**

Restrict your pet's activities for seven days after surgery. Do not allow your pet outside unattended. He is to be kept on a leash whenever outdoors for five days after surgery. Do not permit him to run.

##### **Bathing:**

Do not bathe your pet for seven days.

##### **Surgical Considerations:**

Monitor your pet closely at home. If you notice any vomiting, weakness, decrease in appetite or any other problems, please call us.

Check the incision site at least once each day. If you notice any redness, swelling or discharge please call and find a time for us to have a look at him. Do Not let your pet lick the incision site.

Dogs are placed under gas anesthesia. A small tube is placed down his throat and can sometimes cause irritation for a day or two. If there is persistent coughing for more than two days, let us know.

##### **Finally:**

The most important thing to remember is to let your pet rest following surgery. The quieter he is for the next ten days, the faster he will heal.

Thank you for trusting us with your pet's care!  
**The Doctors & The staff of Alpine Animal Hospital**