

Castration Admittance – What you need to know

A member of the office team will ring you within a few days of your appointment to complete an admissions form with you.

What you need to do prior to your appointment:

- ✓ Castrations are a routine procedure and as such payment will be required in full at the time of collection. Feel free to ask for an estimation of the costs. Whilst castrations are a routine procedure, there can be complications; the costs of which are for the owner to pay.
- ✓ Please let us know at the time of booking whether you will be starving your horse at home or bringing him/her into the clinic the day before.

Bring with you:

- ✓ Your horse's passport
- ✓ Your horse's usual stable rugs

Feeding:

- ✓ Your horse will need to be starved for a minimum of 12 hours prior to the appointment. You are welcome to bring your horse to the clinic the day before to be starved.
- ✓ If you are starving at home, you can give your horse their normal feed in the evening and a small haynet until the time they need to be starved from- e.g. - if the castration is at 9am, you can let your horse have a haynet up until 9pm. **Your horse must not be on a straw bed.**
- ✓ If bringing your horse to the clinic to be starved, we do have a basic mix, cubes & chaff and good quality hay are available here – you are more than welcome to supply your own feed if preferred
- ✓ Please bring with you any medication or supplements your horse is usually given.
- ✓ Following the surgery, your horse will be trickle fed soaked hay. Please allow 2-3 hours before feeding normally.

Updates & Visiting:

- ✓ One of the nursing team will call to let you know how your horse is. They will not be in a position to provide any medical information about the procedure.
- ✓ Your attending veterinary surgeon will call you the surgery is complete

Discharge of your horse:

- ✓ On collection, the attending vet will provide written discharge instructions giving full instructions on what you need to do with your horse, details of any medication to be administered & any follow-up appointments to be made. Please note you need to make these appointments with the office, they will not be automatically made.
- ✓ You can collect your horse between 9am and 5.30pm, unless special arrangements have been made in advance of admission. An "After Hours Nurse Attendance Fee" may be applicable if outside our normal office hours.