

## Cat Castration

Before the procedure we would ask you read this document carefully to give you (the owner) the information required for the elected procedure. Every surgical procedure that is undertaken carries accepted associated risks and complications. Although rare, we want you to be fully informed before you proceed.

The procedure your cat will be having today is called a castration. A small area of hair will be clipped on the front leg for induction of anaesthesia and hair from around the surgical site. This surgical procedure involves removing both testicles but leaving the scrotum in place. Once this procedure has been performed it cannot be reversed.

Benefits to your cat include:

1. May reduce the urge to spray, and if they do the scent should be less pungent
2. Prevent unwanted pregnancies and may reduce the urge to roam
3. May reduce aggressive instincts and therefore fighting

Please read the following list of complications that can result from this procedure and ask a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. This list is not exhaustive. Your cat may require a buster collar to help reduce the incidence of post-operative complications. Owners may be liable for some post-operative costs.

1. Haemorrhage (bleeding) both during and after the procedure (inside or outside of the abdomen)
2. Would infection and/or break down
3. Bruising and swelling
4. Seroma (pocket of fluid)
5. Damage to the penis
6. Pain
7. Suture material reaction
8. Risk of injury on recovery post-operatively
9. Anaesthetic complication including death

We take precautions to minimise these risks to your pet

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