

Pre Operation Info - Dog Castrate

When a male dog gets castrated, the veterinary surgeon removes both testes (Gonadectomy)

What are the benefits of castrating a male dog?

- Prevents unwanted pregnancies
- Reduces the risk to seek a female dog to mate with
- Can help eliminate certain behaviours (humping)
- Reduces the chance of testicular cancer and prostate problems

When is it safe to castrate a male dog?

We recommend that small/medium breed dogs are castrated from 9 months of age and large/giant breed dogs are castrated from a minimum of 1 year old dependant on growth.

What you need to do before your dogs operation

- No food 6-8 hours before the procedure
- Lift their water bowl first thing in the morning
- If there are any signs that your dog is unwell leading up to the operation, please contact the practice
- Ensure you dog has been treated for fleas and worms recently
- Try to make sure that your dog is clean on the day of their surgery
- Please also make sure your dog has emptied their bowel and bladder before they are admitted
- Ensure your dog is up to date with their parasite treatment

On the day

- The operating vet will examine your dog to make sure they are healthy and in the best condition for the operation
- The nursing team will closely monitor your dog before, during and after their castration
- Your dog will have shaved areas on one or both legs and a large shaved area where the procedure has taken place (above the testicles)
- Your dog will be discharged the same day, the time may vary depending on each operating day and its schedule
- Your pet will be discharged by one of the nurses, where they will go over all of the post op information

We now offer free pre op consultations with any of our RVNs. The nurse will give your dog a full health check while answering any additional questions you may have. If you are interested in this service, please get in touch.

Alternatively, if you require any further information, please contact the practice on **016973 42174 or send us an email reception@wigtonvets.co.uk**

