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Castration in Dogs

General Information

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

In older dogs, castration may be necessary because diseases of the testicles or prostate gland develop.

Surgical Procedure

Your pet will be given a preoperative physical examination to help ensure its safety during anesthesia and surgery. Recovery is generally uneventful, and aftercare is minimal.

Important Considerations Before Surgery

- All vaccinations should be current before surgery.
- Your dog should be free of intestinal parasites (worms).
- Do not feed your dog for approximately 15 hours before admittance for surgery. (No food after 6 PM the night before- water is O.K.)
- Some care and recovery time is required after surgery.