

CASTRATION IN CATS

General Information

Castration is the surgical removal of the testicles. When a cat is castrated just before sexual maturity at 6-8 months of age, the cat's sexual instincts are reduced and the cat becomes sterile. Fighting and night prowling are common in male cats, are largely eliminated. (However, castrated cats may still want to go outdoors to hunt.) The objectionable urine odor of the male cat is also reduced.

Surgical Procedure

Your pet will be given a preoperative physical examination to help ensure its safety during anesthesia and surgery. The operation is performed under general anesthesia. Recovery is generally uneventful, the hospital stay is short, and aftercare is minimal.

Home Care

1. Diet: Follow the instructions checked.
 _____ Feed the normal diet.
2. Exercise: Confine your cat indoors for _____ days. Garage or barn cats must have at least 65-70 degrees warmth. Watch that they do not get too cold at night.

Notify the Doctor if Any of Following Occur:

- *Your cat's urine is bloody.
- * Your cat vomits or is reluctant to eat.
- * Your cat seems depressed or lethargic.
- * The incision bleeds.
- * The surgical site swells.
- * Loose stools.