

# Victoria Animal Hospital

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## CANINE CASTRATION

### Home Care Instructions and Situations that can Occur

Possible Complications – Notify the hospital if any of the following occur:

Vomiting after 24 hours at home

Refusal to eat after 24 hours at home

Signs of severe pain (some mild discomfort is to be expected)

Excessive licking or chewing at surgical site

Lickers and Chewers – occasionally, pets will lick and chew at their incision site excessively. Since tongues and teeth can do a lot of damage in just a short time, this must be prevented. If he continues to lick and/or chew at his incision site, it will be necessary to fit him with an *Elizabethan Collar (E-Collar)* until the sutures are removed. These collars are available from us at nominal extra cost.

## AFTERCARE

Keep him dry and clean until sutures are removed.

Clean the incision area only if it gets dirty.

Use hydrogen peroxide with gauze.

No food until the next day, and only small amounts of water, or (a few ice cubes).

Then normal amounts may be resumed.

Restrict running, jumping, and climbing.

No swimming or bathing for 10 to 14 days, while sutures are in.

Check the incision daily for redness, swelling, or discharge.

**\*\*If any of these signs occur, please give us a call.\*\***

Recheck appointment is set 10 to 14 days after the surgical procedure. There is no extra charge for this service, unless sedation is required.

A pain injection has been given. Pets who receive post-operative pain relief seem to feel much better the next day. They eat more, they eat sooner, and therefore they seem to heal faster and return to normal sooner.