

Post Castration Instructions

What to expect:

After castration your horse will have an open incision in the scrotal area. It is important to monitor this area and keep it clean and free from flies. Some drainage and swelling is to be expected. Swelling will be at its peak around 5 days post castration and may be up to 3 times its normal size. A small amount of clear drainage is normal but thick yellow, or white purulent drainage is not.

Monitoring:

For the first 24 hours, monitor for bleeding. Some dripping is expected but streaming is abnormal. Any tissue protruding from the incisions is also abnormal. Call immediately if you see these things. Monitor for excessive swelling or signs of infection. If the horse goes off feed, has a temperature greater than 101.5, or has foul smelling drainage call your veterinarian.

Housing:

Keep in a small corral or a stall for 2 days. Then he can go out into a larger paddock or pasture. He should still be kept separate from mares for at least 30 days because he may still be able to get them in foal from sperm left in the urogenital tract.

Exercise:

Day 1- None

Day 2- Hand-walk 20 minutes twice a day or turnout in a small paddock. Ensure movement as it decreases swelling.

Day 3-10 Lunge at the trot for 15- 20 minutes twice a day. This helps prevent excessive swelling and infection.

Other Care

Flyspray around hindquarters but not into the incision during fly season.

If swelling starts to become excessive, cold hosing around the area but not into the incision may be beneficial.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns!

Please feel free to call us with any questions!
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