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Mobile Large Animal Veterinary Clinic

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Equine Castration

Post Surgical Care Recommendations:

After routine castration geldings should be stall rested for 12-24 hours to allow blood clots to organize and to minimize post surgical hemorrhage. Observe the horse closely and often for signs of excessive bleeding during this period of time. A consistent drip of blood from the scrotum is normal immediately after castration but this should gradually diminish in the hours following surgery. Feed and hay should be withheld until the animal is alert and fully recovered from the anesthetic. This may take 1-2 hours after the animal is on its feet.

After 24 hours, mild to moderate exercise is encouraged to keep incisions open and draining and to minimize swelling. Incisions should be observed daily for 2 weeks for signs of excessive swelling or pus-like discharge that may indicate infection. Baseball to softball sized swelling of the scrotal sac is normal and it is common for some of the edema to migrate into the sheath. If the swelling becomes larger than a softball or causes the gelding to become sore or inactive please give us a call. Additionally, if any intestine or tissue is observed protruding from the incision site call immediately. Lastly, if the horse becomes inappetant, lethargic or shows signs of colic please contact us for a follow up exam.

While complications do occur they are uncommon. CCVS makes every effort to provide a quality service and minimize complications. However, as part of a high level of patient care it is important to advise owners of possible complications that may arise despite our best efforts so that we can correct these issues quickly and preserve a positive surgical outcome. Following the above recommendations will help your horse stay healthy and recover quickly.

If at any time you have questions or concerns feel free to call us.

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