



For 24 hours following the castration the patient needs to be kept in a small pen or stall (ideally no larger than 12 x 12'). This should be clean and dry and as free from dust as possible. He can have free choice access to feed, salt, mineral and water. During this time he should be checked on frequently (every 6-8 hours). Afterwards he should be checked at least twice daily.

For the next 14 days he needs to be exercised to reduce the swelling that may occur post-operatively. He must be trotted at least twice a day for 15 minutes at a time. When you handle him to exercise him please also check his incisions for any swelling or discharge.

Any colt that has been recently castrated should be kept separate from any mares for 28 days to prevent accidental impregnation of in heat females.

Please call immediately if:

- You have any questions or concerns regarding the operation or aftercare
- They seem lethargic, depressed, is lame or won't eat or drink after the procedure.
- They develops a temperature $>38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- There is any excessive swelling or discharge
- You observe more than a slow drip of blood or drainage from the incision.
- You observe any pink or red material hanging from the surgical site.

Medications

- Your colt was given a dose of penicillin today in the muscle. This does not need to be repeated.
- Your colt was given a dose of phenylbutazone in the vein today. He should receive one dose (2 grams for the average quarter horse) by mouth once a day for 3 days starting the morning after his procedure.
- Your colt was given a vaccine today. If he has never had a vaccine before, this should be repeated in 3-4 weeks to provide full immunity. If this was not left with you, please contact us to arrange for the booster to be dispensed or administered.

Sincerely,

The AEVS team