**POST OPERATIVE CONSIDERATIONS**

* Scrotal healing via secondary intention healing
* A common practice to stretch the incisions to help postoperative drainage
* Stretch only the deeper scrotal fascia, since digital stretching of the skin can be associated with localized trauma and reflex contraction of skin margins.
* Trim any excess scrotal fascia.
* Scrotal healing via primary closure
* This can be used if the castration was performed in a sterile operating room environment and adequate hemostasis was maintained during surgery
* Has been shown to decrease postoperative complications, compared to leaving incisions open, if done in the right environment with sterile technique.
* Absorbable sutures (Monocryl, PDS. #2 – 0 to #0)
* Increased cost

**OPEN CASTRATION POST OP**

There should be restricted activity for 24 hours, followed by daily exercise (lunging at the trot 10 to 20 minutes/ day for 3 weeks) to decrease edema formation and promote drainage. Consider daily hydrotherapy to aide in control of swelling. Incisions should heal in 2 – 3 weeks.