**Advice for Owner**

* From the day after surgery, the horse should be exercised at a trot or on an automatic walker for at least 15 to 20 minutes twice a day to avoid swelling and stimulate drainage of any post-surgical fluid that may have accumulated in the swollen scrotum. Exercise should continue for about two weeks or until healing is complete.
* Observe incision daily for signs of swelling, streaming of blood or pink/red tissue hanging out of wound. Contact the veterinarian if any of these occur.
* It may take several weeks for the testosterone levels to decrease. Aggression, especially to other horses, may still be seen for this short period of time.
* Horses 6 years and over, especially those that have bred mares, may continue to possess stallion-like behavior, which could include the development of an erection and an attempt to mount and breed mares in estrus.
* Semen remains in the horse’s accessory sex glands and the portion of the vas deferens not removed during surgery. There is usually enough present for one ejaculation. Therefore, gelded mature horses should be quarantined from mares for 14 to 30 days post-surgery.
* If there is persistent swelling of the scrotum, despite exercise, contact the veterinarian.
* Contact the veterinarian immediately if horse shows signs of severe colic, including rolling, flank watching, belly kicking, flehmus, bruxism and scraping, as this can indicate an inguinal hernia.
* If horse is stiff or extremely reluctant to move, has a rectal temperature greater than 102 degrees or has a decreased appetite or decreased thirst, contact veterinarian.