**Patient Assessment of Equine Castration**

* Get a detailed history of the animal to ensure that vaccinations, especially Tetanus, as well as deworming is up to date.
* Perform a physical exam of the horse to determine if animal is showing signs of systemic illness especially cardiovascular and respiratory diseases as this will affect the use of Pre-medicative and anesthetic drugs.
* Palpate both testicles to ensure that they have descended.
* If one or both testicles are absent, diagnose Cryptorchidism through, ultrasound, laparoscopy, exploratory surgery or hormone assay.
* Assign the horse an ASA Grade. Grade 1 is preferable as the stress of castration in even a mildly ill animal can lead to a worsening of the existing condition and result in further complications.