

SCROTAL HERNIA

Is the displacement of the part of the intestine/omentum from the abdominal cavity through the internal inguinal ring, inguinal canal, external inguinal ring and stay in the vaginal cavity inside the scrotum beside the testicle.

Causes:

- ✓ Mostly the scrotal hernias are inherited.
- ✓ The same causes which cause inguinal hernia may cause scrotal hernia directly/the scrotal hernia follow the inguinal hernia.

Symptoms:

- ✓ Enlargement of the scrotal sac.
- ✓ Hernial content is soft and painful.
- ✓ The hernial content is usually reducible.
- ✓ Testicle atrophied.
- ✓ Inguinal ring can be easily felt and you can introduce 2 - 3 fingers inside it.

Treatment:

- ✓ Scrotal hernia in foals can be cured from itself in the first year of life.
- ✓ After this time, it must be operatively treated. In older stallions the only treatment is the operation. The operator opens the scrotum of the affected side without opening of the tunica vaginalis reflexes. The contents of the hernia are reduced by twisting the testicle with the tunica vaginalis and then apply a strong catgut ligature as high as possible. 2 -4 cm from the ligature the tunica vaginalis and testicle are cut away. The wound is supplied with antibiotics and the skin is left without suturing.
- ✓ Antitetanic serum is necessary.