

Client Information

Open castration:

- Restricted activity for 24 hrs, followed by exercise daily to decrease oedema and encourage drainage of the wound.
- Daily hydrotherapy can be given to aid in reducing swelling.
- Incision will heal in 2-3 weeks

Closed castration:

- Monitor scrotum for signs of pain, inflammation, swelling and drainage (note amount and type).
- Stall rest for 14 days while the scrotum heals.

Other points to note:

- Colt may be fed once fully awake.
- Advisable to isolate the new gelding from mares for at least two to three days
- Monitor the horse for any excessive swelling, drainage from the incision, signs of colic, and evidence of tissue protruding from the surgical sites. The incisions should heal by three weeks after surgery.
- NSAIDs may be administered to help decrease swelling and encourage exercise.
- Horses may retain stallion-like behaviour even after the testicles have been removed. However, most lose the behaviour after a few months (6 months).