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### **Surgical Castration Aftercare Instructions**

- Your horse will have 2 incisions left open to drain and heal from the inside out.
  - You should expect to see some degree of discharge from both incisions for the next 7-10 days.
  - Monitor closely for excessive bleeding (drips you cannot count)
  - Please be sure to check the incisions closely TWICE per day
- Keep the horse in a clean, dry environment. Your horse should be kept on straw bedding for the next 2 weeks.
- Keep your horse in the stall for the next 24 hours. Handwalking can begin tomorrow afternoon. The horse should then be exercised for 15 minutes twice per day to try to keep swelling to a minimum.
- The incisions should be cold hosed for 10 minutes after exercise to help keep the swelling down.
- Some swelling of the prepuce and surgical site is normal. Excessive swelling is not normal and the office should be notified if it occurs.
- There should be no tissue hanging from the surgical site. If any tissue becomes herniated through the wound to the outside, CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.
- Monitor the horse closely for signs of inappetance, fever, lethargy, depression, etc. Please call with any questions or concerns.
- The horse may exhibit stallion-like behavior for a variable period of time after complete castration.
- The horse may remain fertile (have the ability to breed a mare) for up to 60 days after castration. Please be sure to keep the horse separate from mares for this period of time.

These will be prescribe by the Veterinarian at your castration appointment

- **Prescribed anti-inflammatory:**
  - **Administer** \_\_\_\_\_ gram of **Bute** \_\_\_\_\_ times per day (most horses do not eat bute, use paste or syringe dissolved pills into the horse). Each division on the paste tube is ONE gram.
- **Prescribed antibiotics:**
  - **Administer** \_\_\_\_\_ scoops of **Uniprim** powder once per day

Please call the office with ANY questions or concerns!