

OAKLAWN ANIMAL HOSPITAL, INC.
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Client _____ Patient _____ Date _____

CANINE CASTRATION

Castration involves the surgical removal of both testes and renders the male dog irreversibly sterile. Dogs can be castrated as early as 6-12 weeks of age, as soon as the testes have descended into the scrotum; we typically recommend the procedure be performed between 4-5 months of age, when the puppy's series of vaccines is complete. All animals undergoing general anesthesia require an overnight fast and a full day of hospitalization. Postoperative care includes restricted exercise for 14 days, daily visual checks of the incision for inflammation or discharge and protection of the incision from contaminants such as dirt, saliva and water. The incision must stay dry, i.e. no bathing or swimming. If external sutures are used, suture removal is usually scheduled for 10-14 days from the surgery date. Often absorbable internal sutures or surgical "glue" is used so suture removal is not needed. An e-collar is provided to prevent your pet from licking his or her incision. It must be worn for 14 days.

Postsurgical complications can include, but are not limited to, scrotal bruising, swelling, hemorrhage, and infection. Sexual behavior usually declines within 6 months after castration. Other post-operative changes include possible weight gain and decreased incidence of aggression, roaming, and urine marking.

Before performing any procedure requiring anesthesia, blood work will be run to confirm your pet's overall health. This will also reveal certain health conditions that could put your pet at risk. If the results are abnormal, the doctor will contact you to discuss treatment options. The test results will then become part of your pet's medical record for future reference.

A leg is shaved for an intravenous catheter that is placed prior to surgery for direct access to the vein in the event of any complications. Intravenous fluids are given during surgery to support normal physiologic functions. Our doctors routinely provide an injection of a 24-hour pain reliever at the time of surgery. Additional medication is given post-operatively for your pet to take at home.

PLEASE INITIAL ONE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

Have you withheld food and water from your pet? YES _____ NO _____

Has your pet been on any of the following prescription pain medication the last 2 days?

No _____

If yes, please circle which one:

Rimadyl (Carprofen) Metacam Deramaxx Previcox Buprenex **Last time and date given:**

Has your pet been on any over the counter pain relievers, i.e. baby aspirin, aspirin, ascriptin, etc., or on any steroids, i.e. prednisone, prednisolone, dexamethasone, etc. in the last 7 days?

YES _____ (If yes, they should have been stopped 7 days prior to surgery due to the effects on your pet's platelets, which allow blood to clot. There may be also adverse gastro-intestinal effects that can occur when these pain relievers are given in combination with our pre-surgical medications and pain medications going home with your pet.)

NO _____

At the time of the presurgical exam if there are baby teeth present and the adult tooth has erupted we recommend having the baby tooth extracted. Extracting these teeth will prevent misalignment of adult teeth and will lower their risk of dental disease later on in life. There will a \$10 charge for each baby tooth that is extracted.

YES _____, perform the necessary extractions. NO _____, I understand the risks of not extracting retained baby teeth.

The Home Again Pet Recovery Service is a safe, simple and permanent form of pet identification designed to quickly identify lost pets and reunite them with their owners. Microchipping your pet with Home Again is recommended for dogs and cats of all breeds and ages. It is safe for puppies and kittens as well as older pets who may wander away from home. The microchip is inserted between the shoulder blades under the skin. The cost is \$50 for microchip placement. There is an annual fee of \$17.99 which is the responsibility of the owner. Would you like to do this for your pet today?

YES _____, please perform Home Again placement. NO _____, I decline Home Again placement today.

Your pet will be checked for fleas while here. For the protection of all pets in hospital if your pet has fleas he/she will be treated with Capstar. Capstar is a fast acting flea treatment that will not interfere with any other flea treatment you may be using. There will be an additional charge of \$5.00 if your pet is treated.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

I, the undersigned owner or agent of the pet named above, certify that **I am 18 years of age or older** and authorize the veterinarians of Oaklawn Animal Hospital to treat or perform needed procedures on my animal. You are to use all reasonable precautions against pain, injury, or escape of my animal. You will not be held liable or responsible in any manner for unforeseen incidents or accidents caused by the care, treatment, or safekeeping of my pet. It is thoroughly understood that I assume all risks, and that some risks always exist with anesthesia. As with any general anesthetic procedure, there is a slight risk of an Idiopathic (unknown cause) Anesthetic Reaction (IAR) which, in rare situations, may be serious and result in death. IAR is thought to be a cardiac hypersensitivity when given the anesthetic at its accepted and standard dosage. IAR has no predisposing factors, does not appear to favor one breed or species over another, it is not revealed during standard screening tests and is thus impossible to predict in advance.

Financial responsibility for services are due at time of discharge. I also understand that Oaklawn Animal Hospital, INC. is not staffed 24 hours a day and after hour treatment of patients is at the discretion of the veterinarian.

My signature on this form indicates that any questions I have regarding the following issues have been answered to my satisfaction:

- **The reasonable medical and/or surgical treatment options for my pet**
- **Sufficient details of the procedure to understand what will be performed**
- **How fully my pet will recover and how long it will take**
- **The estimate of the fees for all services**

Following anesthesia of your pet today, please be aware of the following:

- Most animals will be up and easily walking at the time of discharge, but all animals are different and some may take longer to recover.
- Your pet may need to urinate or defecate very soon after returning home from anesthesia.
- Your pet may need some assistance getting in and out of your car.
- Your pet will remain slightly sedated for up to 8 hours. Please allow your pet to sleep in a safe place away from children and other pets. (Keep your pet away from children until he is she is acting like him or herself.)
- If your pet falls asleep and you need to waken him or her, **DO NOT** nudge or push your pet; instead clap your hands or make a noise to rouse your pet before touching him or her.
- Sedated pets may react aggressively if startled so make sure your pet is alert and aware before touching him or her.
- Your pet may drink normally and eat small amounts upon arriving home.
- If you are uncomfortable taking your pet home immediately after sedation please let us know and we can keep your pet in the hospital until her or she is awake.
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SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT _____ **DATE** _____

PRINT NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) WHERE I CAN BE REACHED _____

E-MAIL _____