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Recommended Aftercare for Horse Castrations

After a routine horse castration, the horse will have an open incision in the scrotal area. The incision is left open to reduce the amount of post-surgical swelling and to decrease the chance of infection. Some post-surgical swelling of the prepuce can be expected, with the maximum swelling occurring about 5-7 days after surgery. There may be a small amount of drainage from the scrotum which should be washed off the rear legs twice daily.

The following suggestions will help to minimize post surgical-problems:

First 48 hours:

Keep the horse confined to a stall or paddock. Hand walk for 20-30 minutes three times daily.

Days 3-10:

Increase the exercise by turning out to a larger area and lunging at a trot for 10 minutes three times daily.

If excessive swelling occurs:

You should increase the amount and frequency of exercise and apply cold water from a hose to the sheath (not directly in the incision) for 20 minutes three times daily. If the horse goes off feed, has a rectal temperature above 101.5, or has foul smelling drainage, then you should call your veterinarian.

Please call the hospital if you have any questions or problems