

Dog Castration Information & Admission Form

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Neutering your male dog is one way of contributing to the good health and long life of your pet, while preventing increases in the population of unwanted pets. The best age to perform this procedure is controversial but probably at around 9 to 10 months of age is a good compromise. This gives the growth plates a chance to close and may decrease the incidence of future hip and knee orthopedic problems. The procedure decreases the development of territorial urine marking, testicular tumors, testosterone related aggression, wanderlust, and prostate enlargement in old age.

In order to protect your pet and other pets in the hospital, we require that all dogs be current on vaccinations for Rabies, Distemper, Parvovirus, and Bordetella, be on heartworm preventative, and have had a negative fecal exam. We also require a pre-anesthetic blood screening to check for anemia, liver disease, and kidney disease (chem-panel/CBC). These diseases can affect the amount or type of anesthesia used. A physical exam will be performed prior to anesthesia. If fleas are noted, your pet will be treated to prevent the spread to other patients and to prevent contamination of the surgical site.

Canine castration involves the removal of the testicles through a pre-scrotal incision. The pet is under general gas anesthesia, and the procedure is performed in a sterile operating room with a warm water heat pad and monitoring equipment. As with any general anesthesia, there is a small chance of complications. Most dogs are ready to go home the same day as the surgery. Some dogs require skin sutures and some are given a buried line of sutures just below the skin. If your dog receives skin sutures, a suture removal appointment should be scheduled for 7 to 10 days post operatively. The basic castration price varies with the body weight of the pet:

<u>Weight (lbs.)</u>	<u>Price</u>
<15	\$387.50
16-35	\$400.00
36-65	\$418.50
66-95	\$437.00
96+	\$477.50

The neuter price includes pre-anesthetic and pain relief medications, intravenous and gas anesthesia, warm water heating pads, respiratory monitors, oxygen saturation monitors (pulse oximeters), IV catheter and fluids, the surgical procedure, and one day in the hospital. If you are price shopping for this procedure, please make sure that your pet is getting a safe anesthetic, warm water pads to control body temperature during surgery, pain relief medication, IV fluids and anesthetic monitors. The pre-anesthetic chemistry profile and CBC (complete blood count) are \$50.85 plus \$15 blood draw fee. See **Anesthetic Options** form for more details. Please answer the following questions.

	YES	NO
Nail trim under anesthesia?	()	()
My dog has had a previous chemistry CBC test.	()	()
If my dog is 45 lbs+ do I want hip x-rays?	()	()

The following are additional costs, which may or may not apply today:

Hip x-ray with additional anesthetic	\$174.50
Chemistry panel & CBC	\$50.85 plus \$15 blood draw fee
Fecal exam	\$45
Rabies & Distemper-Parvo vaccines	\$23 each
Bordetella vaccine	\$25
Flea treatment	\$17
Antibiotic injection	\$36

The estimate of my total bill is: _____

Phone number where I can be reached today: _____

I have read the above information. I understand that this facility does not have an overnight attendant. If 24-hour care is indicated for my pet, I understand such care may be provided through the Animal Emergency Center in Catonsville or the P.E.T. * E.R. in Towson.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The safety and comfort of your pet are our primary concerns

♥ Thank you for entrusting your pet to our care ♥