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CASTRATION OF THE CAT (NEUTERING)

Castration of the male cat is the removal of both testes through two small incisions. The operation is done at our clinic Monday through Friday as an outpatient surgery. A great deal of care is used to maintain your pet's health during his stay at our hospital. All pets receive pre-operative blood tests and a physical exam prior to receiving any anesthesia. IV catheters are placed as an added safety precaution during the procedure. All patients are monitored very carefully using the latest equipment, by well-trained staff and certified veterinary technicians. All are given pain relief medication before and after the procedure as well as being sent home with medication for their continued recovery at home.

BENEFITS OF NEUTERING

Neutering will prevent your male cat from reproducing. We strongly encourage adoption from Humane Societies as millions of pets are needlessly destroyed each year from unwanted pregnancies.

Neutering the male cat may help reduce some male hormones influenced behaviors such as roaming and fighting with other cats, which may lead to infections and abscesses or allow your pet to contract serious viral diseases such as feline leukemia or feline immunodeficiency virus (feline AIDS). Neutering also can reduce behaviors such as urine marking (spraying) and aggressiveness. It will also greatly reduce urine odor.

Neutering does **NOT** cause a change in personality or make your pet gain weight. Most cats will consume only what they need each day. However, since the operation is performed when the pet's growth has slowed down, you may need to decrease the amount of calories he consumes if he begins to gain weight. Increases in the frequency of urinary obstructions or inflammation of the urinary tract are also **NOT** caused by neutering.

THE BEST TIME FOR NEUTERING

We recommend neutering your pet between 4 and 6 months of age. Neutering your pet when he is young offers the greatest long term benefits.

POSTOPERATIVE CARE

Your cat should be confined to the house and to a small room for 3-4 days following the surgery. Your pet may be left home alone during these days as long as he's confined. Most cats can resume normal activity after 4 days. The incision is allowed to heal on its own and no sutures have to be removed.