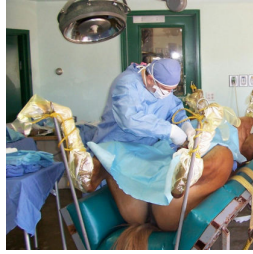


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# Discharge Orders

## Equine Cryptorchid Castration

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### Feeding:

- After a 12 hour postoperative fast, feed normally

### Exercise

- “High Flank” Castration:
  - Your horse should begin vigorous exercise the day after surgery
- Inguinal Canal Retained Castration:
  - Specific instructions will be given.
  - If a gauge pack was placed in the incision, stall rest will be needed initially.
  - If no pack was placed, exercise should begin the first day postoperative.
- Intraabdominally retained testicle:
  - Your horse should be hand walked for 10 minutes three times daily for 3 days.
  - Then your horse should have paddock exercise for 2 weeks.
  - Then your horse should have casual exercise in a small pasture for 2 weeks.
  - Then, your horse may exercise as normal.

### Bandages:

- There are no bandages to worry about.

### Incisions:

- If one or both testicles are removed through a groin incision in the scrotum, the incision will be left open and there will be some drainage and swelling for up to 10 days. Exercise, as given above, helps to limit the swelling and to encourage the draining.
- Excessive bleeding, running, not dripping, should be immediately reported. Bleeding usually occurs the day of surgery only.
- Check the incision each morning for signs of infection. Call early in the day if there is a problem. Call if you are not sure.
- If any concerns arise please make an appointment with your regular veterinarian.
- Most horses do not have sutures to remove, but if there are, we will have you make an appointment with your regular veterinarian.

### Medications:

- Please read the instructions on the bottle(s) carefully. If there are any questions, please ask.

### Follow Up:

- Please call with a progress report in 1 month.
- If Doctor is not available to the phone that day, leave a message with the staff. Doctor will return your call if he has any concerns

### Instructions:

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### Final Thought:

- Thank you!! Please call with whatever questions or problems you may have!!

[ ] Dr. Martinson

