



Reata Equine Veterinary Group LLC

CARING FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA'S HORSES SINCE 1978
24/7 EMERGENCY COVERAGE
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Castration Aftercare

What to Expect:

The surgery site is left open after castration to allow for drainage. Healing needs to occur from the inside out. Normal swelling occurs at the surgery site and often extends to the sheath area. The patient should remain bright and alert during the healing phase. He should maintain his appetite, a temperature less than 101 degrees and show normal behavior.

Patient Care:

- 1) Watch your horse closely for the first 12 hours for signs of :
 - a. Colic: pawing the ground, rolling, getting up and down.
 - b. Hemorrhage: a steady stream of blood originating from the surgery site between the hind legs.If you observe either of these complications call the office immediately 520-749-1446.
- 2) 24-36hr after the surgery, begin exercising at a trot for 30 minutes. Continue exercise program daily for 14 days.
- 3) Expect moderate swelling at the surgery site and down into the sheath area.
- 4) If your horse goes off his feed, appears depressed or is excessively tired during exercise sessions take his temperature. If the body temperature is greater than 101 degrees Fahrenheit please call the office 520-749-1446.

Special Instructions