



## Castration discharge instructions

- Your horse/pony has had profound sedation today so it's important that they don't eat for at least one hour after the castration has been completed in order to avoid choke after the procedure.
- Please monitor the wounds at least twice daily for the next 10 days whilst they are healing.
- Complications to look out for include; bleeding (anything more than 1 drop/second), excessive swelling of the region, yellow/green discharge from the wounds, any tissue protruding from the wound, colic signs or any lethargy/depression/inappetance which could indicate a fever. Please call us if you are concerned about any of these signs.
- Your horse/pony has received an antibiotic today (penicillin) and pain relief in the form of phenylbutazone (bute) which will cover the first 24 hours. We don't routinely give any further antibiotics unless there concern about post-operative infection. They have also received a tetanus antitoxin today if they are not vaccinated for this (this will provide cover for 3 weeks).
- Further bute can be given for the first 5 days after castration if you would like – please ask the vet regarding this. We often find they are quite comfortable afterwards but if you concerned please contact us.
- We advise gentle twice daily hand walking for 10 days post operatively (15mins twice daily). They may also be turned out during the day as well.
- We advise to clean any drips of blood from the legs 1-2 times daily to reduce any flies being attracted to the area. Blood around their scrotum can be cleaned away 24 -48 hours after the castration with warm water and cotton wool only.
- Any questions then please call us on 01245 346904

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