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Neutering (castration) in Cats

Castration is performed under general anesthesia. Both testicles are surgically removed. The cat is sterile and unable to impregnate a female. When a male cat is neutered prior to sexual maturity (6-8 months of age), sexually-oriented behaviors, such as roaming, fighting with other cats, and urine spraying, are either eliminated or markedly decreased. Neutering also reduces the strong urine odor associated with intact male cats.

Important Considerations Before and After Surgery

- Your cat should be free of intestinal parasites, and all vaccinations should be current prior to surgery.
- We recommend that your cat be screened for exposure to the feline leukemia virus and feline immunosuppressive virus. Please ask your veterinarian for information.
- We recommend heartworm preventative medication for our feline patients, and can provide you information.
- Your pet should not receive any food nor water by mouth for 12 hours before admittance for surgery.
- Limit your cat's exercise or activity for 7-10 days following surgery.
- Examine your pet's incision at least once daily, and keep the incision dry and clean.
- *Your cat should require no suture removal, unless otherwise requested by your veterinarian.*

Notify your veterinarian if:

- your cat chews at or irritates his incision.
- your pet's incision is red or swollen.
- your cat is listless or refuses to eat after the first day home.
- your cat vomits or refuses to drink water.
- your pet's general health changes.