



# CAT CASTRATION



## What is castration?

Castration or neuter is the term applied to the procedure of removing the male sex glands - the testicles.

The operation is performed under general anesthesia, and the testicles are removed through two small incisions in the scrotum.

Recovery is rapid, and healing is usually prompt.

## Why castrate?

To reduce fighting between male cats, and night prowling.

To reduce spraying and the objectionable odors produced by the male cat.

Most importantly, castration will help to control the cat population. There are too many unwanted pets in New Zealand already.

## Before surgery

The cat should not be offered any food or water after 8pm on the night before surgery. Any food or fluid after this time will increase the danger of vomiting under anaesthetic. He should be brought to the Northland Veterinary Group clinic between 8 and 9am on the day of surgery, or with prior arrangement he may be presented the night before.

## After surgery

Your pet is able to go home the same day of the surgery.

Give him only a small amount of food on the night after surgery. Don't worry if food is not eaten - his appetite should return the next day. Also give a small amount of water to drink.

Give him somewhere quiet, warm and comfortable to sleep for his first night home.

It will take about 36 hours for the effects of the anaesthetic to wear off. During this time he will be quieter than usual.

## Stitches are not normally used.

Contact the **Northland Vet Group** immediately if you feel there is a problem after the surgery.