

Gelding of Colts and Stallions

Under normal circumstances the castration of colts and stallions can be done at home if facilities are suitable. In many instances however it will be preferable for this to be done at the surgery on a day patient basis.

Though a routine and common procedure, a short acting intravenous anaesthetic will be required in all cases. Anaesthesia always carries a degree of risk in equines and though this is relatively low in young fit animals the possibility of complications (potentially fatal) is still present and should be appreciated. Insurance for individual anaesthetics is available and should be investigated by the owner if desired; anaesthesia for castration may be an exclusion or special condition on normal insurance policies.

Requirements for gelding at home

1. Safe/ sound loose box of adequate size (at least 3m x 3m approx.) for a 15.2 horse.
2. Deep clean straw bed to provide padding during induction of anaesthesia. Shavings and sawdust are not suitable.
3. The patient should have nothing to eat for 12 hours prior to surgery. Access to water should be allowed until 2 hours before.
4. A confident handler who may be asked to assist should be available.

If it is your preference or if you are unable to provide the above conditions the operation should be done at our surgery.

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Description of Patient Name _____
Breed _____
Colour _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Owner/ Agent Name _____
Address _____

Tel _____

I hereby give permission for the administration of an anaesthetic to the above animal for the purpose of surgical castration, together with _____ and any other procedure which may prove necessary. I understand that all anaesthetic techniques and surgical procedures involve some risk to the animal.

Signature _____ **Owner/ Agent** **Date** _____

Name _____

Please sign and return this form to the practice prior to surgery or if this is not possible present to the attending veterinary surgeon.