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Field Castration

Owner:
Horse:

Informed Consent

The field castration of your animal will be performed under the direction of Dr. Hennessy who is committed to providing your animal quality Veterinary care. Despite the provision of such care, some animals may develop additional disease conditions or complications. In some cases, these conditions will require additional treatment, raising the cost of this procedure above the routine expenditure. Occasionally, complications may be so severe that they result in the patient's death or extreme morbidity, sufficient to require humane euthanasia. While every reasonable effort to recognize and prevent these situations will be made, you should be aware that complications can and do occur.

This procedure requires general anesthesia. Although the risk of death or injury during the anesthetic induction, positioning, and recovery is present, it is considered to be minimal. Risks of death or injury are greatest in large, old, or medically compromised animals. Both anesthesia and severe illness constitute substantial stresses for the affected animals. Horses that are seriously ill or anesthetized can develop diarrhea, laminitis, musculoskeletal problems, pleuropneumonia, severe infections, severe bleeding, or evisceration/ herniation from the surgical incisions. These conditions may be expensive to treat and often cannot be resolved satisfactorily, thereby necessitating euthanasia.

By your signature, you acknowledge and accept that certain expenses and risks do exist surrounding the field castration of your horse. Further, you agree to the payment estimate (call charge, castration fee, tetanus vaccination and antibiotics).

Client or Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Aftercare Instructions

- These surgical incisions are left open to drain and heal. It is important that they heal from the inside out.
- Keep the horse in a clean, dry environment. Do not bed on sawdust (straw is the preferred bedding material)
- Exercise the horse for 15 minutes twice a day.
- Cold hose the incision for 10 minutes after exercise (careful not to spray directly upward into the incision).
- Prescribed anti-inflammatory: () None () Bute ___ gms
- Slow dripping blood from the incision site is normal. A steady stream is not and you should call Dr. Bennett
- Some swelling of the prepuce and the surgical site is normal. Excessive swelling is not and you should call Dr. Bennett
- There should be no tissue hanging from the surgical site. If any tissue becomes herniated through the wound to the outside **call Dr. Hennessy immediately.**
- The horse should appear "normal" afterwards. Call if he becomes sick, lame, depressed, febrile or off feed.
- He may exhibit stallion-like behavior for a variable period of time after castration
- He will also remain fertile for approximately 45 days after his castration.