

HEALTHY FARMS LARGE

ANIMAL VETERINARY SERVICES



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Post-Castration Instructions for Colts:

Let your new gelding rest today, but don't offer hay or feed for several hours— until he seems like his normal, coordinated self so that he can eat without choking.

Monitor for bleeding (call immediately if it is a fast drip or stream of blood), swelling (call if the area swells to the size of a cantaloupe), and discharge (call if you see thick discharge from the incision sites).

Monitor attitude and appetite: your new gelding should begin looking just like himself within a several hours of surgery. If he does not want to eat at any point 5 hours after surgery, please call immediately.

Starting tomorrow, your new gelding will need to be exercised, at the trot, for 10 minutes twice a day for at least 7 days to keep the incisions open and draining.

- The exercise should promote drainage. You should see clear-yellow fluid that may be blood tinged on the legs after exercise.
- He won't want to trot for the first 1-2 days, but encourage him to do so. He will get more comfortable with movement, not less comfortable.
- You should not see thick pus from the surgical site at any time.
- Swelling may be present up to about the size of a cantaloupe, but should gradually reduce over several days. Sometimes the sheath swells and even the penis can swell some.

If at any point your new gelding is lame, off feed, or acts lethargic, please call!

Call with questions/concerns at any time.