



CARING FOR YOUR JUST CASTRATED GOAT (WETHER)

Things you should expect:

Mild to moderate lethargy up to 24 hours after surgery

Reluctance to move

Decreased appetite

Some swelling

Some drainage (fresh blood or clear fluid) up to 48 hours after surgery

Newly castrated males should be separated from their friends for about 48 hours. Mainly to keep the patient from “overdoing” it, too much activity early on can increase swelling, bleeding, and prolong healing. Newly castrated males who had reached sexual maturity before castration (quite common) should remain separated from females for a week after castration.

Please call us if:

Your animal does not eat or drink within 24 hours of coming home.

Anything other than clear fluid or fresh blood is noticed at the surgery site.

Clear fluid or fresh blood is noticed 48 hours after the operation.

You have any questions about the surgery, what your animal is doing, or just unsure if what you are seeing is normal.

Routine goat castrations can involve removing a part of the scrotum as the surgical incision, or creating a surgical incision in front of the scrotum. Unless you are told otherwise, any stitches used are dissolvable and do not need to be removed.



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