

## **CARING FOR YOUR JUST CASTRATED HORSE**

## Things you should expect:

Stiffness Soreness Reluctance to move Some drainage (fresh blood to clear fluid)

Exercise will control the swelling and promote drainage, therefore hasten healing. Exercise must be forced on the animal. In the first week after castration the horse should be lunged or ridden twice daily for 20 minutes at a time. After the first week exercise can be done once daily and continues as long as swelling occurs.

## Please call us if:

Anything other than fluid appears at the incision site Animal does not want to eat or drink Exercise does not control swelling Any other questions arise

Just castrated horses should not be turned out with mares for at least 30 days following surgery to prevent possible pregnancy.

