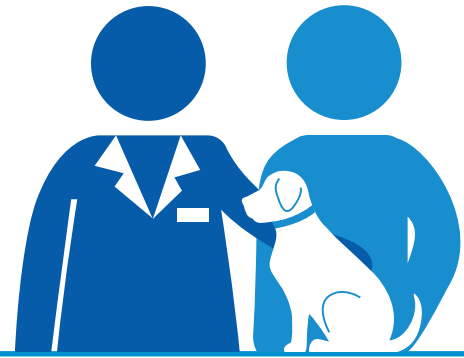


# Veterinary Nurse & Receptionist castration phone call conversation aid



**Did you know there are two options to consider when it comes to castration? Before we discuss the cost let me tell you more about both options, so you can consider what is best for you and your dog.**

- The first option is a surgical procedure under general anaesthetic where a veterinarian will remove your dog's testicles
- The second option is medical castration which more of our clients are considering and it involves inserting an implant under the skin during a standard consultation. There is no need for an anaesthetic or for your dog to stay with us
- The best option for you and your dog is dependent on your circumstances. Did you want some further information or for me to book you in for an appointment with the vet to discuss your choices?

## Surgical castration

- Involves day surgery - where you bring your dog in the morning and usually pick him up in the afternoon
- This is a permanent method of castration that cannot be reversed
- As we remove both testicles, a general anaesthetic is required
- We'll do a blood test beforehand and send him home with aftercare instructions for his recovery from the anaesthetic and wound care
- [Insert any specific details your clinic offers for example fluids or pain relief]

## Medical castration<sup>1</sup>

- Medical castration is a reversible option (unlike surgical castration), the implant effects wear off and your dog's testosterone levels return to normal
- Involves inserting a small implant under the skin between your dog's shoulders (like a microchip)
- The procedure is performed during a routine consultation
- Like microchipping, it does not require your dog to have an anaesthetic (which means no anaesthetic-related worries)
- The implant takes up to six weeks to reach its full activity and provides the benefits of surgical castration, without the surgery
- To maintain the effect, the implant is replaced every 6 to 12 months. We'll do a health check at the same time
- When the implant is due to be replaced you will have the choice of repeating the implant, allowing the effects to wear off or electing permanent surgery

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