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Pre - Operative Notes For Colt Castrations

Requirements for castration:

- Please arrange for an examination prior to the castration if possible to confirm that both testicles are present
- We advise that food and the haynet is taken away by 10pm the night before the castration. Please also stable your colt on inedible bedding. This is to ensure, should complications occur during the procedure we can administer anaesthetic if required.
- An area with a clean floor, under cover if possible with reasonable light. In the event that the colt requires a general anaesthetic (generally small ponies, those with small testicles or those which resent examination of the area) a well-drained field or school will be required to allow a safe recovery
- At least two able-bodied helpers are required. If this is not possible please inform us in advance and we can bring a nurse. It is also necessary to have a supply of clean warm water in two well-scrubbed buckets

Castration procedure:

Most colts are castrated standing. However if they are small, have small or very high testicles or are uncooperative they will undergo a short general anaesthetic.



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