**After Care notes for Farmers**

**Post Castration**

* Strict rest for the first 24 hours, keep the animal in a stall or a small, secure pen for the immediate post-operative period.
* Closely monitor him for excessive swelling, bleeding, or other abnormal discharge.
* Some scrotal swelling and drops of blood are normal, however, any tissue protruding from the incision, or a continual stream of blood is not and requires immediate veterinary attention.
* Infection can become an issue several days after surgery, therefore continue to observe the area for any excessive redness, pain, or thick discharge.
* After the 24-hour rest period, encourage the animal to exercise as much as possible, allow him out in a field and/or lunge him. This minimizes scrotal swelling and prevent fluid accumulation in the scrotum (part of the reason why the incisions are left open to heal).
* Can also hose the scrotum with cold water to reduce swelling.
* If the scrotum swells to a large size and seems painful, please seek veterinary attention.
* It is important to protect the surgical site from flies while it heals.

**Continue to do all these steps until the incision is fully healed**.

