

## Gonadectomy – male

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## Removal of gonads

- In males: the testicles
  - Compare the origin of *testify*
- Cultural differences: USA and Australia reports 50-85% of dogs are castrated

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## “Normal castration” – 2 questions

- Closed or open orchidectomy  
(closed = *tunica vaginalis* included in ligation)
- Where to make the incision:
  - Pre-scrotal
  - Scrotal incision / scrotal ablation

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## Why castrate?

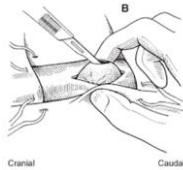
- Medical reasons:
  - Cryptorchidism, perineal hernia, perianal adenoma, prostatitis, prostatic enlargement, prostatic cysts, testicular tumor...
- Other reasons: "male dog aggression", stray, hyper-sexuality, urinary marking

## Male dog: Closed or open

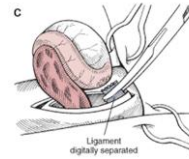
- Hamilton et al 2014, Open orchidectomy is associated with a higher overall complication rate in the first 10 days after surgery than closed orchidectomy.
  - Both "orchietomy" and "orchidectomy" are used

## Castration male dog

- Fossum, 27-7

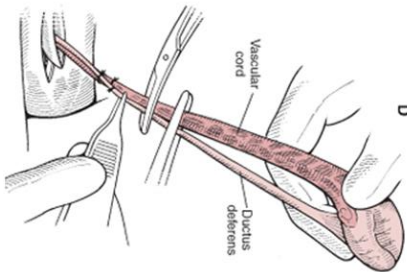


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- Open technique
- You may ligate tissue at distal end: tunica / gubernaculum / m.cremaster.
- Large scrotum – remove

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- Double ligatures encircling vascular cord and ductus deferens, ca 5-7 mm apart. Fossum has individual ligatures at ductus deferens and vascular cord – this is NOT our tradition.

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From Peter Holt "Urological disorders of the dog and cat"



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The distal ligature may be anchored



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## Scrotal ablation male dog



Indicated at "pendulous scrotum"

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Ligate tissue in the same way...



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## Cryptorchidism "hidden testis"

- Diagnosis after 6 months of age.
- Ca 10% of all males
- Infertility due to higher temperature ( 3-4°C) compared to scrotum
- Increased risk (ca x 10) for tumor, torsion
- Treatment: "Wait and see" or castration

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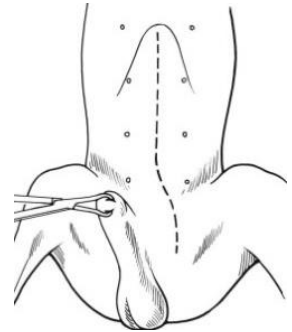


Fig 19-2: Ligate or cauterize large branches of the caudal superficial epigastric vein at the cranial aspect of the prepuce.

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## Castration male cat

- Male cat – open (cut through all layers)
- The wound is left open – not sutured. Why?
  - Tradition

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## Castration male cat





- Open castration – cut through layers
- The tunica may bleed – crush tissue or ligate



- Ligation in groove – crushed tissue
- Inspect ligated tissue and tunica

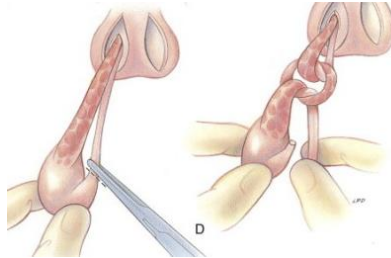
## Castration male cat

- Method without suture...



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- \* Method without suture... FIG 27-8



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## Gonadectomy – males

- Dog – open or closed, pre-scrotal or scrotal
- Cat/Feline – open
- Rabbit – closed (or open)
  - Prefer closed if the skin is not sutured
- Guinea pig – closed, intra-cutaneous suturing
  - Leave the fat (next slide)!



## Generally: always careful handling with tissue

- And ALWAYS inspect the ligatures

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## Questions?



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