AFTER-CARE

It is vital that you monitor your recently castrated animal.

* For the first 24 hours after castration, keep the animal confined and calm in its pen.  During the first 6 hours after surgery, look in on the animal every few hours.
* Look for streaming of blood from the wound.  Some dripping is to be expected for the first few hours after castration, but *call the vet immediately if blood streams from the wound.*
* Apply fly spray directly on the wound.  Fly spray can be very irritating to open wounds so be careful.
* The wound will heal over 2-14 days.  It will contract down over a few days to a much smaller wound and then fill with a bed of red tissue.  During the first few days to a week, any drainage will subside.
* During days 2 through 5, the scrotum may swell up to 3 times its original size.  This is normal.  This postoperative swelling is reduced with exercise.  The scrotum is usually back to normal size after 5 days but a bit of swelling may persist at the lowest part of the sheath.
* Clear, red tinged fluid draining from the wound is normal for the first few days.  If the drainage becomes yellow or pus colored, you should call the vet.
* Recently castrated bulls should be kept away from females for at least 30 days to prevent pregnancy as there may still be sperm in the urogenital tract.