

# Scrotal Neuters

Here at the Gulf Coast Humane Society Spay and Neuter Clinic we perform dog castrations via a scrotal approach.

Placement of the incision is at the most gravity dependent location on the scrotum. Imagine the lowest point if the dog was standing up.

A modified millers knot is used for cord ligation, and both testicles are removed through the same skin incision. During the surgical prep process an inter testicular block is given comprised of lidocaine and epinephrine. Before closing a splash block is given of the lidocaine and epinephrine. The incision is closed with one buried subcutaneous simple interrupted stitch right in the center. The goal for this placement is to allow for the cohesion of the skin edges while still leaving either end of the incision open to drain.

Contrary to traditional belief that dogs will self mutilate if the approach is made through the scrotum, our experience proves this not to be the case. There appears to be no greater tendency towards self trauma with this approach versus the traditional pre-scrotal approach. The scrotal approach is easier, faster, less invasive and has no greater instances of complications.

Owners and caretakers are informed that it is normal to see a small amount of blood tinged discharge for a few days post op.