



**PAWS & CLAWS
ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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Holistic Traditional Neuter

A traditional neuter (castration) involves removing the testicles and spermatic chords. Pet parents often ask when is the best time to perform this procedure. There are two schools of thought when answering this question. First, a traditional neuter is performed before 6 months of age. Due to the smaller size of the testicles, there is minimal post-operative bleeding and swelling. Alternatively, the neuter may be done after 6 months of age. While it is still safe to do at this or at any age, there is a greater chance of post-operative bleeding (while is usually mild) and swelling due to the size of the blood vessels supplying the testicles.

There is no "right answer" when selecting the sterilization process for your pet. While many pet parents opt for a traditional neuter, there's an increasing number of pet parents who prefer a vasectomy. We are happy to discuss your options with you and select the option that best suits your needs as well as your pet's needs.

****It's important to note that as with all surgical procedures, a pre-surgical evaluation (physical examination & lab test) must be completed prior to providing an accurate treatment plan for the procedure. Every pet is unique as are their medical needs for surgery; therefore, an accurate treatment plan/estimate cannot be provided until we have properly evaluated your pet.****