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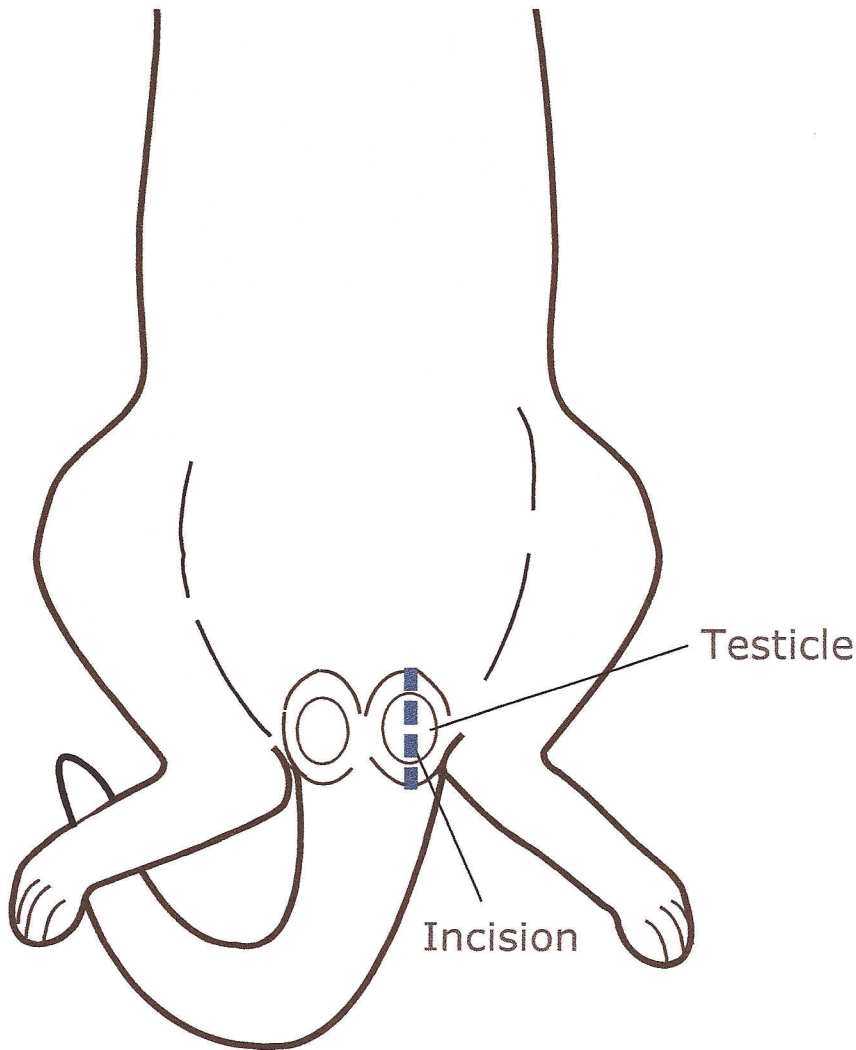
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Castration - Cat: Cat in dorsal recumbency for castration.



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In the cat, as the testicles and accessory reproductive organs reach sexual maturity, they begin to produce hormones and pheromones that are important for territorial marking. When a cat is neutered or castrated, both of its testicles are removed. After castration, the cat will be sterile, and the major source of male hormones will have been eliminated. There are both behavioral and medical benefits associated with this procedure. In older intact cats, castration may be performed to treat testicular tumors, some prostate gland diseases, or to control hormonally dependent diseases such as anal adenomas. Further information is available in our Client Education Handout Series.