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## **CRYPTORCHID NEUTERS**

When one or both testicles have not descended, they can be retained in either the inguinal canal (between the abdominal cavity and the scrotum), or in the abdominal cavity.

### **INGUINAL**

There can be a lot of fatty tissue present in the inguinal region, even in a very thin patient. This can make detecting the testicle (by palpation) very difficult. In fact, this fatty tissue can have the same shape, firmness, and size of a testicle, which can make it difficult to definitively identify. We will make every possible effort to locate the testicle before performing surgery. When the testicle is located in the scrotum, it is removed through an incision on the midline just in front of the scrotum. If a testicle is retained inguinally, it usually requires that a second incision is made in the groin. If both testicles are located inguinally, two separate incisions are usually necessary. Often the fat will need to be dissected to visualize the testicle(s) as well. This dissection can lead to some temporary discomfort post-operatively.

### **ABDOMINAL**

Any testicle retained in the abdomen will be atrophied (smaller). When entering the abdomen, the testicle may be found very quickly. On the other hand, it can be difficult and require more time to identify and locate the atrophied testicle, vessels and cord. If both testicles are located in the abdomen, there will only be one incision required to remove them both. If one testicle is abdominal and the other is located in the scrotum, two incisions will be required. Removing an abdominal testicle in a male, is similar to removing an ovary in a female in that there is usually some temporary post-operative discomfort (as compared to a normal neuter procedure).

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