

Informed Consent

Paraphimosis

You have elected to have your pet undergo a surgical procedure to address a problem called paraphimosis. Paraphimosis is a failure of the penis to return to the prepuce and the goal of surgery is to enlarge the prepuce opening, advance the prepuce (preputial advancement) to house the penis more securely, and/or tack the penis to the prepuce to prevent it from being able to come out. Prognosis is generally excellent after surgery. However, we need to make you aware of the risks and complications associated with this surgery. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

The risk of complications after paraphimosis surgery is low, about 10-20 % of cases. Here are some potential risks:

Infection- this is a risk with any surgery and is usually treatable with oral antibiotic therapy

Damage to the urethra- if the urethra is damaged, additional therapies may be needed.

Hemorrhage (bleeding)- is common and can be profuse, but is rarely life threatening

Recurrence- failure of the procedure is probably the most common complication and additional procedures may be needed

Wound dehiscence (opening)- if the incision opens, additional therapies may be needed

Stricture- any surgery that includes the urethra includes the risk of stricture (narrowing) of the urethra. If stricture occurs, the severity will determine if additional therapies are required.

Urine retention- this is reported after surgery and is usually temporary