

# Informed Consent

## Penile Surgery

You have elected to have your pet undergo a surgical procedure to address a problem with the penis. Problems that we address include a tumor, or traumatic injury or severe abnormality of the penis. Prognosis is generally excellent after surgery (though it may depend, in part, on the underlying issue). 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 penile surgery is low, about 10% 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- the urethra exits within the penis and if a new exit is required, this must be taken into consideration. If the urethra is damaged, additional therapies may be needed.

Urine leakage- damage to the urethra could cause urine leakage and 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 of the stricture will determine if additional therapies are required.

Recurrence of any tumor- if the underlying cause was some type of tumor, we remove as much tissue as possible and/or as much as we can see and feel. We cannot always see or feel all of the cells of the tumor and there could be cells that remain that could spread after surgery, causing another tumor.

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