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### Equine Castration Surgery Release Form

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to remember that a routine castration is a major surgery for your horse although complications are rare, they can and do occur. Possible complications following routine castration are outlined below.

1. Excessive swelling: This is the most common complication of castrations. Vigorous exercise will help promote drainage and reduce swelling.
2. Excessive hemorrhage: Dripping of blood is expected, however, streaming of blood is a signal for alarm.
3. Infection: Vigorous exercise to promote drainage may reduce the incidence of infection.
4. Evisceration: Bowel coming through the incision site. Although uncommon, this is a life-threatening complication of castration surgery and should be treated as an emergency.
5. Respiratory disease: This may occur if the horse was sub clinically affected prior to the anesthetic episode.
6. Fracture of a bone: This is a rare but does occur in horses recovering from anesthesia. If this occurs, it usually requires the horse to be humanely euthanized.

I authorize Belton Veterinary Clinic to perform this procedure on the animal identified in this record. I understand that further procedures may be therapeutically necessary based on findings during the operation/procedure, I consent to those procedures, their additional cost, and any unexpected lifesaving emergency care deemed necessary by the attending Veterinarian.

I have read and understand this authorization and consent.

**Emergency Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_