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### "Max" - Crossbreed for Orchidectomy



Max

There is currently a surgical procedure available which has been shown statistically to allow your pet dog to live on average 2 years longer.

Whilst the reasons for this are open to debate there are a number of diseases from which your dog is known to be protected by this operation.

These include prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis, anal adenomas, perineal hernias and testicular cancer.

This is certainly one consideration why Max's owners would have booked him in for surgery this week. A dog as handsome and friendly as Max is one you would like to have around for as long as possible.

With the benefits of modern anaesthetic agents recovery is very quick and patients are usually back to normal by the following day.

At this practice, using a special suturing technique, no stitches are visible and consequently don't need to be removed. Additionally, when performed at a young age (6 months) puppies tend to retain that playful and juvenile attitude for longer than normal.

All "Guide dogs for the blind" have this procedure performed routinely. Regular readers may be wondering whether the same procedure is applicable to humans and I am afraid to say that the research is just not available! And the procedure in question..... orchidectomy, or as it is more commonly known castration! Whilst the mention of this word in the consulting room always produces a sharp intake of breath by any male owner, Max for one with the opportunity of living longer and healthier will be only too happy to leave those two "Christmas baubles" behind!

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