

Breeds affected

Retained testicles is often hereditary (passed from parent to puppy), and is most common in certain pedigree breeds of dog, such as the:

- [Old English Sheepdog](#)
- [Yorkshire Terrier](#)
- [Bulldog](#)
- [Cairn Terrier](#)
- [Dachshund](#)
- [Maltese](#)
- [Pekingese](#)
- [Pomeranian](#)
- [Poodle \(all sizes\)](#)
- [Chihuahua](#)
- [Boxer](#)
- [Miniature Schnauzer](#)
- [Siberian Husky](#)

Prevention

It's important not to breed from cryptorchid dogs because it's very often a genetic problem passed from parent to puppy.

Cost

It tends to cost more to castrate a cryptorchidic dog than is does to castrate a normal dog because the operation is more complex and takes longer. However, the cost is likely to be much less than treating any problems caused by retained testicles. Speak to your vet practice for exact costs.

Am I eligible for PDSA veterinary treatment?

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