

## Tango's Episode

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On Friday February 22, 2008 Tango was neutered. I checked his incision each morning. Healing appeared normal. The following Friday morning, he was very irritated, wanting to sit on his rear end. All functions - drinking, eating, defecating, urinating - were normal. I put an Elizabethan collar on him, cold-compressed and smeared Calendula gel. He was with me all day for repeated treatment. There was a pinpoint drainage area that appeared to be the end of the suture line. Sutures were underground, dissolvable. I squeezed several drops of serum looking crap from the pinpoint. The following morning, the area, including the scrotum was swollen and red. I figured he was having an allergic reaction to the sutures, but not knowing what medication to use, off to see Doug we went.

Temp - 102. My diagnosis was correct. Doug said this happens about 4 times a year, even though he uses 'non-reactive' suture material. He injected Tango with a long acting prednisone - Depo-Medrol - 20mg (G) and prescribed a week's worth of Cephalexin - 250mg - bid.

What is DEPO-MEDROL?

METHYLPREDNISOLONE (Depo-Medrol®, Solu-Medrol®) is a corticosteroid (glucocorticoid). The ready-prepared suspension is for relief of swelling, inflammation, redness, itching, and allergic skin conditions.

How? Scientists don't understand completely yet. But they believe that corticosteroids work by blocking certain cells and chemicals your body makes when a joint becomes inflamed. Blocking these cells and chemicals can reduce inflammation.

Cephalexin

Generic Name: [cephalexin](#) (sef a LEX in)

Brand Names: *Biocef, Keflex, Keftab, Panixine, Zartan*

Cephalexin is in a group of drugs called cephalosporin antibiotics. Cephalexin fights bacteria in the body.