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1. To remove the testicles of (a male); geld or emasculate.
2. To remove the ovaries of (a female); spay.
3. To deprive of virility or spirit; emasculate.

n.

An individual who is incapable of reproduction as a result of removal, destruction, or inactivation of the gonads.

[Latin *castrāre*, *castrāt-*; see **kes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

cas trat·er, **cas tra·tor** *n.*

cas·tra tion *n.*

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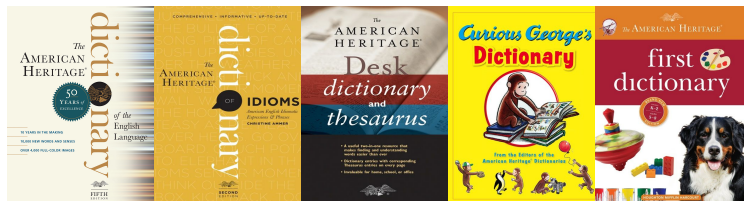
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