



CARE FOR YOUR PET FOLLOWING SPAY OR NEUTER

Your pet has undergone surgery. The following will help answer the most common questions that arise after these operations. We are sending home an anti-inflammatory which will decrease inflammation as well as take care of any pain. **DO NOT ALLOW EXCESSIVE PLAYING, JUMPING OR RUNNING. THIS MAY DELAY THE NORMAL HEALING PROCESS.**

RECOVERY:

Each animal recovers from anesthesia at a different rate. Some animals are back to normal within 24 hours, while others may take as long as three to four days to recuperate. Your pet will not be discharged from the hospital if he or she is unable to walk out; however some animals may still stagger slightly upon release. Your pet will recover from surgery faster if the convalescent time is spent at home. **SPAYED DOGS AND CATS SHOULD BE CONFINED INDOORS AND NOT BATHED UNTIL THE INCISION IS HEALED.**

FEEDING:

DO NOT FEED YOUR PET FOR AT LEAST THREE HOURS AFTER RETURNING HOME AND LIMIT WATER TO THREE TO FOUR TABLESPOONS EVERY 20 MINUTES DURING THIS TIME.

THE INCISION:

CHECK THE INCISION AT LEAST ONCE DAILY.

- * Animals will often lick at the site of the incision. This can be a result of itching from being closely shaven or irritation from the suture material. A belly band can be applied over the incision of females. A restraint collar can also be used if needed.
- * A small amount of hemorrhage, or swelling, will occasionally occur at the incision site. This occurs when blood pools under the skin. When the animal moves, a drop or two may discharge through the sutures. If bleeding is excessive or continues for more than 24 hours, please notify us.
- * Occasionally a hard lump will appear at the site of the incision. This is often a reaction to the suture material or can be a result of blood pooling under the skin. If it gets noticeably larger, please call us.

SUTURES:

All sutures on your pet are absorbable; therefore, no return visit for suture removal will be needed.