

Care of Your Pet Following Hospitalization Spay or Neuter

In order to minimize post-surgical complications, please read and follow these instructions for your pet's recovery. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these instructions, please bring them up with the doctor or technician at the time your pet is discharged from the hospital.

Today and Tonight:

- Please protect your pet when leaving the hospital by using either a leash or carrier.
- Until tomorrow, keep your pet quiet and confined in a warm environment, off of furniture and off of high places where your pet could potentially fall.
- After being in the hospital, your pet may be inclined to drink and eat excessively, which will likely result in vomiting. To avoid this, do not offer food or water until 6:00pm, and then offer small amounts of food.
- Your pet may have a cough following the procedure. This is due to intubation. If it becomes severe or continues for more than 24 hours, please contact our office.

Exercise and Activity:

- Brief leash walks for 3 days. Avoid stairs and jumping on and off of furniture. Outdoor exercise must be limited to short periods for 3 days.
- No bathing, grooming or swimming for 10 days.

Diet:

- After today, it is fine to return to your pet's normal diet.

Medications:

- No medications are indicated.
- Give the prescribed medications as indicated (directions attached): tonight or tomorrow.

Appointments:

- No sutures will need to be removed.

Monitor:

A decrease in activity or appetite for one or two days may be observed and patients may not have a bowel movement for 24 to 36 hours after surgery. This is normal. However, if your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, please notify the hospital: (1) loss of appetite for over two days, (2) refusal to drink water over one day, (3) weakness, (4) depression, (5) vomiting, or (6) diarrhea.

There are three layers of suture which can cause swelling. If you notice redness, discharge, or fever, please contact our office.

Watch your pet to ensure he or she is not licking or chewing at the incision. If he or she is licking or chewing at the incision, please stop by for an Elizabethan collar.

I have read and understand the above discharge instructions. The doctors and staff have answered my questions to my satisfaction.

Signature of owner or authorized agent

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL US AT 435-734-9831 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS.