

ANIMAL SPAY & NEUTER

A Non-Profit Clinic

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POST-OPERATIVE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put your cat in a bathroom where it will be quiet and warm. Do not put it on a bed or on any high places. Dogs should sleep in the house in a confined area. It is important to monitor your animal 24 hours after the surgery, and keep it away from other animals and children. Excessive heat or cold can cause death.
2. Even if it is an outdoor animal, keep your pet indoors and quiet. Discourage any kind of jumping, running or rough play for the next 10-14 days.
3. Offer water and food in small amounts for the first 12 hours. Kittens under 4 lbs. should be fed wet food within the first hour of returning home.
4. Female dogs and cats in heat must be kept separated from any male dogs and cats (neutered or unneutered). **THIS IS CRITICAL:** Your pet can bleed to death if the internal stitches are ripped.
5. Observe the incision daily for:
 - a. Swelling
 - b. Bleeding
 - c. Discharge
 - d. Redness
 - e. Missing sutures (if the wound gapes open)

These are not usually emergencies, but if it seems excessive, please call. Leave a message if after hours.

6. In general, lack of appetite, vomiting or depression is normal following surgery, but after 24 hours any one of these may indicate a problem. Call our office during phone hours or leave a message on the answering machine.
7. Do not wash or clean the incision - you may introduce infection.
8. Males remain virile for 3-4 weeks after surgery.

IMPORTANT

9. Discourage your dog from licking or biting at the incision line. The Elizabethan collar will mechanically prevent the problem. ***FIXING DAMAGE A PET DOES TO THE INCISION WILL BE AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.***

Thank you for doing your part to end pet over-population