



POST-OP PET CARE

FOR 10-14 DAYS POST SURGERY



NO LICKING!

Licking or chewing at the incision can cause infection or open incision.

KEEP IT DRY

Water affects surgical sites and can open the incision, causing infection.



CHECK THE INCISION

What you see today is normal. Check twice a day for swelling, discharge or if the incision has opened. Some redness is normal.

SEPERATE ANIMALS

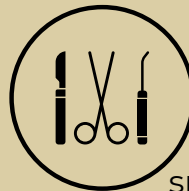


Keep animals separated to allow healing, discourage play. Especially separate unneutered males from recently spayed females.



SUTURES

There are no sutures to be removed unless otherwise specified. Sutures are dissolvable.



FEED A SIMPLE DIET

Do not give your pet junk food, special treats, table scraps or milk.



RESTRICT ACTIVITY

Inside rest gives the tissue time to heal and helps the incision stay closed.



(No running, jumping, or playing.)

NO HUMAN MEDICATION!



It is dangerous & can be fatal! Your pet has already received long-acting pain medication.

- A small amount of hemorrhage will occasionally occur at the incision site. This happens because of blood pooling under the skin. When the animal moves, a drop or two will discharge through the sutures. If bleeding is in excess or continues for more than 24 hours, please notify your veterinarian.
- Each animal recovers from the anesthetic at a different rate. Some animals are back to normal within 24 hours while others may take as long as three or four days to recuperate. Your pet will not be discharged from the shelter 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.

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Your pet has undergone a major surgery. An animal's pain threshold is much higher than a human's. Therefore, animals do not exhibit as much discomfort following surgery. The following will help answer the most common questions that arise after these operations.

- **Keep the incision clean and dry for 14 days.** Do not bathe your dog for 14 days. Please look at the incision once daily. There should be no discharge or foul odor coming from the incision. Slight swelling, redness or bruising is normal. Please refrain from applying any creams or ointments to the incision.
- **Do not allow your dog to lick or scratch the incision,** this can delay healing, cause infection and allow the incision to open. An E-Collar may be necessary to prevent licking which can be purchased at a local pet store or at CCAS. Alternate forms of collars can be purchased at pet stores or online. Most dogs adjust to wearing an e-collar if given time.
- **Do not give your animal any additional pain medication other than what is administered.** Pain medication has been given to each and every animal. Additional medication can be life threatening. Follow exact directions on the medication given.
- **Do not feed your pet on the day of surgery.** You may feed the a small meal in the evening on the day of surgery and a small amount of water. On the next day you can resume your normal feeding schedule. The stress of surgery and change in surroundings can cause diarrhea and/or vomiting. If these symptoms continue for more than 48 hours, contact a veterinarian.
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- Occasionally a hard lump will appear at the site of the incision. This is often because of the body reacting to the suture material or can be a result of blood pooling under the skin. If it gets noticeably large, please contact the veterinarian.
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