

## Post Op Care Instructions

**If there is an emergency after hours (between 5:00 p.m. and 8 a.m. or on Sunday or Monday), please contact your local emergency veterinary clinic.**

1. Keep your pet quiet and indoors. No running, jumping, playing, swimming, or other strenuous activity for 10-14 days. Inside they'll be able to stay clean, dry, and warm. No baths during this recovery period. When dogs need to go outside, walk them on leash.
2. Check the incision site twice daily. Redness and swelling should be minimal and there should be no drainage. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. There are no sutures to be removed, unless otherwise specified by a clinic representative.
3. Monitor their appetite and response to food. For dogs and cats, their appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Start by offering a small amount of water after 6 p.m. If your pet keeps the water down, feed 1/3 to 1/2 their normal feeding after 7 p.m. If your pet vomits, then don't feed again until tomorrow morning.

Do not change your pet's diet at this time and do not give junk food, table scraps, milk or any other people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-surgical complications.

4. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours, diarrhea, and/or vomiting is not normal. If any of these occur, your pet needs to be seen by a veterinarian.

### Please note

1. Pets may have received a green tattoo at or near her incision. This is to show that they have been spayed or neutered and to prevent them from undergoing an unnecessary sterilization surgery in the future.
2. Do not be alarmed if your pet's eyes look "weepy" or have mucus in them. Eye lubricant was applied to your pet's eyes prior to surgery to prevent drying of his/her eyes.
3. Your pet received pain medication(s) to help with pain control during the first 24 hours after surgery. If your pet needs additional pain medication, please contact your regular veterinarian or our clinic at (808) 754-1519 between 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m Tuesday through Saturday

### Questions or concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pet's surgery or recovery, please contact us at 808-754-1519 during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If outside of this time, please consult with your regular vet or an emergency clinic.

We will treat at our clinic, at minimal cost, any postoperative complications that result from the surgery we performed on your pet — if the above post-op instructions are followed in full. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-operative instructions or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.

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