

Spay/Neuter Postoperative Care Instructions

Neuter (Castration)

General Information

Your pet has just undergone surgery to remove his reproductive organs (testicles). He will require some special care over the next few days. All animals receive pain medications before and after surgery.

Due to the effects of the anesthetic, your pet might be sleepy for 24-48 hours and might not have a bowel movement for 2-3 days. Most animals return to “normal” within about 3 days.

Important Points To Remember

1. Keep your pet in a warm, quiet environment for the next 24 hours. He might be disoriented, so keep him indoors all night tonight.
2. When you bring your pet home, limit food and water to small amounts at a time. Normal diet may resume the next morning.
3. No bathing or swimming for 14 days after surgery.
4. Restrict his exercise for 7-10 days (no jumping, running, playing, or romping; leash walk dogs when outside).
5. Observe the incision daily for 7-10 days, looking for unusual swelling or discharge. Dogs have sutures that are buried under the skin and do not need removal. If he licks at the surgery site excessively, an e-collar will need to be purchased to prevent him from damaging the incision. Cats do not have sutures and should be mostly healed in 3-5 days.
6. Please call the clinic if you notice vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite in the next 48 hours, or if you have questions or concerns related to the surgery.
7. If your pet received a vaccine at our clinic other than rabies, a “booster” vaccine might be needed in 3-4 weeks.
8. We will make every reasonable effort to treat at OUR CLINIC, at minimal cost, any postoperative complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above postoperative instructions are followed in full. Your regular veterinarian must address illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery.

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