

# POST SURGICAL HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS



## THANK YOU FOR ENTRUSTING THE CLINIC WITH YOUR PET'S CARE!

Your pet is recovering after a spay or neuter surgery. Please follow the instructions below to minimize healing complications over the next two weeks:

1. Please restrict your pet's activity level at home for the next two weeks. For dogs, this means short leash walks outside for bathroom breaks only. For cats, this may require confinement to a specific part of the house (bedroom, bathroom, etc). No running, jumping, or rough-housing.
2. An e-collar should be used to prevent licking or scratching at the incision in order to prevent infection.
3. Monitor the incision daily for redness, swelling, discharge, heat, or pain. These can be signs of infection. If you have any concerns about the incision, please have your pet rechecked with a veterinarian.
4. Sutures are buried below the skin and do not require removal. These sutures will dissolve on their own over several months.
5. Because your pet has received anesthesia medication today, please offer small meals throughout the course of the evening rather than one large meal all at once. By tomorrow morning, your pet can go back to his or her normal eating routine. Please keep a close eye on your pet this evening especially around stairs and furniture, as he or she may still be a little sedated and we do not want your pet to fall and injure him/herself.
6. If you note poor appetite, poor energy level, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive discomfort, or any concerns with the incision site specifically, please have your pet rechecked with a veterinarian urgently.
7. No bathing or swimming for two weeks.

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