



Home Care Instructions: Spay

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 Patient: _____

 Doctor/Tech: _____



24-48 hours after surgery

- Your pet may be slow for the next 24-48 hours
 - Keep your pet quiet for at least 24 hours after surgery
 - No running, jumping, or playing
- Vomiting is a common side effect of the anesthetic
 - Limit food and water for the first feeding (if they're free-fed, please pull food/water until tonight)
 - Resume normal feeding the day after surgery
- Swelling may be visible at the surgery site, but it should decrease in size
 - If swelling becomes larger after 48 hours, please call the office
- Sutures
 - ☐ Sutures should be removed in 10-14 days
 - ☐ No sutures for removal



Recovery takes 10-14 days

- Keep activity restricted - leash walking, no strenuous activity
 - If outside: keep contained in garage or shed if possible
- Keep the surgery site clean and dry - no bathing, swimming, grooming, etc., until sutures have been removed OR for 2 weeks after surgery
- **Keep the cone or recovery suit on for 2 weeks**
 - Excessive licking/biting or itching in that area can reopen the incision site and cause it to be irritated and infected
- Do not clean the incision site with alcohol, peroxide, or apply any ointment
- Please follow the instructions and finish the medication(s) as prescribed

When Should You Call Your Vet?

- Your pet has become really lethargic, has any loss of appetite, has any excess drainage, or excessive swelling

Prescribed Medication:



Benefits to Spaying Your Pet

- Reduces risk and prevents life-threatening infections and tumors of the reproductive tract, as well as mammary tumors
- Prevents chance of pyometra (life-threatening uterine infection)
- Eliminates heat cycles
 - Generally reduces mating-related behaviors that may frustrate owners
- Highly cost-effective - less than the cost of having and caring for a litter
- Decreases number of homeless animals and animals in shelters