



**Sumner
Spay Neuter
Alliance**

YOUR PET SHOULD BE PICKED UP TOMORROW AT 7:45 AM

(It is very important that you pick up on time.)

POST OPERATIVE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Your pet has just undergone general anesthesia and surgical sterilization. For the safety and well-being of you and your pet, we recommend you carefully follow these instructions:

1. Restrict your pet's activity for the next seven days. Do not allow excessive running, jumping, or playing. Your pet should stay indoors for at least the next 2-3 days.
2. Keep your pet out of extreme temperatures (hot or cold). Provide adequate shelter and shade. Make sure your pet has clean and dry bedding.
3. Check your pet's incision at least twice daily until healed. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision.
4. Do not allow your pet to get wet for 7 days after surgery. This includes bathing.
5. Do not change your pet's diet at this time and do not give table scraps, milk or any other people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-surgical complications. Your pet's normal appetite should return gradually over the next 24 hours.
6. If your pet was in heat at the time of surgery, keep her away from males for 2 weeks.
7. Your pet may be quieter than normal for a few days after surgery. Lethargy lasting more than 24 hours after surgery is not normal.
8. Do not give Aspirin or Tylenol to your pet for pain relief. They can be harmful.
9. Sutures are absorbable and do not require removal. Incisions on all females will be marked with green tattoo ink that will permanently identify the incision.
10. Do not transport pets home from the clinic in the open bed of a truck unless in a secure crate.

Please contact us immediately if you notice continued bleeding, swelling, opening at the incision line or have any concerns about your pet's condition. During business hours you can call the clinic at (615) 452-2233.

Afterhours, please call the emergency line (615) 330-6372

We will treat any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery as long as the above instructions are followed. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-op instructions, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.

You will be given paperwork that documents all procedures that were performed and vaccinations administered. Sumner Spay Neuter Alliance does not revaccinate. Please keep documents on file for future reference.

We encourage you to develop a relationship with a local veterinarian for annual vaccinations and other future medical care.