



Spay Discharge Instructions

General Information:

Your pet was placed under gas anesthesia. A small tube was placed down his/her throat and can sometimes cause some irritation for a day or two. If there is persistent coughing for more than two days, let us know. Your pet will want to relax and be left alone for a few days until they feel better. Offer a kennel or small room that is warm and quiet.

Activity: Restrict any and all activity for the next 10-14 days or until the incision is fully healed. Any strenuous activity will disrupt the healing process. If excessive swelling starts or drips blood, you should visit a clinic immediately. You are responsible for paying the cost of all visits and treatments associated with any care needed to repair the surgical site. Absolutely no running, jumping, rough play or water activity for 14 days.

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PET TO LICK OR CHEW AT THE INCISION

Food:

Anesthesia may cause nausea and vomiting up to 24 hours after surgery. Feed only a ¼ amount of their regular diet this evening. You can start normal feedings tomorrow. A decrease in appetite for 1-2 days may be observed, this is normal.

Monitor:

Check the incision daily. Do not clean or apply any topical ointment to the incision site, unless directed by your doctor. A set of sutures is placed UNDER the skin to hold the abdominal wall closed, the outer layer is then closed with internal sutures and surgical close. **MOST SUTURES WILL NOT NEED TO BE REMOVED; THEY WILL DISSOLVE. UNLESS YOUR FEMALE PET WEIGHED MORE THAN 40 POUNDS, THEN WE PUT IN EXTERNAL SUTURES (NEON PINK) THAT HAVE TO BE REMOVED IN TWO WEEKS (M-THUR FROM 2-4PM ONLY)**

Please notify us if any of the following symptoms or other problems arise:

Not eating or drinking for more than 48 hours, vomiting and/or diarrhea, labored breathing, pale gums, weakness, severe pain, difficulty urinating.

Many patients may not have a bowel movement for 24- 36 hours after surgery, this is normal.

Any signs of infections or excessive swelling at the surgical site.

If you have any questions or concerns following the surgery, please contact our office 520-624-5005 or email us at azspayneuter@gmail.com

ECOLLARS (CONE) AND PAIN MEDICATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED!!

We have sedatives to keep your pet quiet if needed.

Do not give human drugs to your pets!!

Emergency Clinics.

- Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson, 4909 N La Canada Dr. 520.795.9955

- Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty and ER, 7474 E Broadway Blvd. 520.888.3177