



ANIMAL CARE CLINIC

"Greenville County's low-cost spay/neuter and wellness center"

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Post Operative Instructions for Pet Owners:

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner! By having your pet spayed/neutered, you have increased your pet's chances for a longer, healthier life. In addition, you have also helped to address the pet overpopulation problem. Post-operative care is simple but important in helping your pet with recovery.

- Your pet may be drowsy or nauseous after surgery today.
- Please do not expose your pet to loud noises or too much activity. Your pet will recover most quickly in a quiet, warm environment.
- You may offer your pet a small amount of food and water. Some animals do not wish to eat directly following surgery. This is normal. Your pet's appetite should return to normal by the next day. If your pet's eating habits have not returned to normal within 24 hours following surgery, please contact us.

Male/Female Dogs and Female Cats

- Your pet has dissolvable sutures in their incision. These sutures do not require removal. However, as the body begins to absorb the suture material, there may appear a firm, painless swelling beneath the skin around the incision. This is normal! The swelling will diminish in one to two weeks. Please check your pet's incision site at least once per day. If you note any bright red blood or discharge from the incision, please contact us immediately.
- If your pet begins to lick its incision site, please place an E-collar on your pet for at least 5 to 7 days. E-collars can be purchased from our clinic. The collar should be tight enough to prevent your pet from pulling it off but also loose enough to allow normal breathing and swallowing.
- Please be sure to keep your pet's incision site dry for at least 10 days following surgery. Cats that are allowed to go outside should be kept inside for at least three 3 to 5 days to allow time for the incision to begin to adequately heal. Please do not give your pet a bath or allow them to swim for 10 days.

**ALL PETS SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED THE FIRST
24 HOURS FOLLOWING SURGERY**

If your pet has a post-surgical issue please contact Greenville County Animal Care Clinic for assistance.

If you need assistance, please contact us at (864) 467-SPAY (7729).