



Post Operative Care Instructions

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Your dog or cat has undergone general anesthesia and surgical sterilization. For the safety and well-being of you and your animal, we commend that the following post-operative instructions be carefully followed:

Dogs and cats must be kept indoors after surgery. This will enable you to carefully monitor recovery and will prevent complications and possible death from exposure to outdoor temperature extremes.

As when any anesthesia is used, stomach upset can occur. To avoid, restrict the amount of food and water your dog or cat has access to during the first 3 hours at home after surgery. You can provide one or two ice cubes to lick or chew during this time. Do not offer food to patients immediately upon returning home (you may offer a very small amount of food 3 hours after you return home). You can gradually increase the amount of food and water over the next 24 hours.

Restrict your animal's activity for the next 7 days. Do not allow running or jumping.

You should check the incision at least twice daily until healed. A small amount of blood seepage is normal immediately after surgery. Should you notice any continued drainage or swelling, contact Paws 2 Help or your local veterinarian.

Please do not attempt to clean the incision. The incision has a surgical biofilm that will be degraded by any cleaning agent. Please contact Paws 2 Help or your local veterinarian, if you feel the incision is so dirty that it requires cleaning.

You must not allow your dog or cat to get wet for at least 7 days after surgery. For this reason, bathing is also prohibited for at least one week after surgery.

Your invoice should state if suture removal is or is not necessary. If necessary, please schedule suture removal 14 days after surgery unless otherwise indicated on the invoice. Because male cat neuters do not require the use of sutures, we advise using shredded newspaper instead of litter in your cat's litter box for 7 days after surgery to prevent dust particles from irritating the incisions.

DO NOT GIVE ANY MEDICATION TO YOUR PET UNLESS PRESCRIBED BY PAWS 2 HELP OR YOUR LOCAL VETERINARIAN.

If you have any questions about your animal's condition after surgery, **please call the clinic at (561) 712-1911, Or email us at paws.reception@paws2help.org** Make sure to include Pet name Last name and photo of area. For life-threatening emergencies requiring immediate attention, your local veterinary emergency clinic, ASAP.