

POST-OPERATIVE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Closely monitor your pet for the first 24 hours following surgery!

Lethargy, vomiting or fresh blood at incision site after 24 hours is NOT normal.

For non-urgent, post-surgery questions call 724-201-9413 leave a voicemail/text or email spayitforwardclinic@gmail.com

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WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING UP WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN IF AN ISSUE ARISES. If your pet is having a medical emergency, go to an emergency vet!

Incision Site:

Female cats/dogs: Abdominal incision

Male Cats: 2 scrotal incisions, which are left open

Male Dogs: 1 pre-scrotal incision

Look at the incision site **twice** daily. If the incision site has redness, swelling, yellow/green/bloody discharge, HEAT or is open, call 724-201-9413 or 724-572-7174 for further instructions OR follow up with your veterinarian.

- Please leave your cat in the carrier or trap until the effects of anesthesia have completely worn off. This is usually 2-3 hours after pick-up.
- It is important to KEEP THE CATS WARM when transporting them home and until they are fully awake and alert.
- You may offer your cat about 1/4 to 1/2 of their normal diet the evening of their surgery as long as they are awake and alert.
- Non-feral male cats should be kept quiet and confined for 36 hours.
- Non-feral female cats should be kept quiet and confined for at least 10 days. This means restricting running, jumping, and playing. A dog crate or small room should be used.
- DO NOT let your pet lick or chew their incision. An e-collar (cone) is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to prevent chewing and licking.
- It is normal to notice a slight puckering at the incision along with dried surgical glue (usually looks like a white crusting).
- All patients receive a small green tattoo near their incision for future identification that they have been altered.
- Sutures do not need to be removed and will dissolve over several weeks
- Male cats may have some spotting for the first 24 hours. They will not bleed to death from their incision. Remain calm if you see a large amount of blood and call our staff for further instructions.
- ALL patients are given a pain injection during surgery which lasts for 24 hours post-op. Generally, your cat does not need more than pain medication than has already been given. If you feel that your cat is in pain, please consult with your regular veterinarian to determine if they need more pain medication.

Eating: Feed a small meal this evening.

- You may offer your cat about 1/4 to 1/2 of their normal diet the evening of their surgery as long as they are awake and alert.
- Your pet's normal appetite may not return for 24 hours following surgery.
- DON'T change your pet's diet following surgery or feed them any people food as this can disrupt their digestion and complicate recovery.
- Kittens and puppies under 4 months should be fed shortly after they wake up if they can hold their heads up.

Activity: Keep your pet calm and quiet for the first 24 hours following surgery.

- Keep an e-collar (cone) on your pet for 10 days. E-Collar must be kept on for 24 hours per day.
- Closely monitor your pet with other pets and children for the first 24 hours after.
- No bathing/swimming, running, jumping, or rough play for 10 days.
- Dogs must have short leash walks only for bathroom breaks for 10 days.
- Owned cats should remain inside only for 10 days.
- Feral/Community Cats must be kept in a climate-controlled area out of the weather for 24 hours and then returned to their colony

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Spay It Forward is a non-profit low-cost veterinary service that is operated by volunteers and veterinary staff only on the days that surgery is scheduled. We can provide advice for post-op care when needed. However, it is the responsibility of the pet owner to provide the care, which may include a trip to another vet clinic. Each pet owner should have an established relationship with a local veterinary clinic for post-op issues or any future illness/injury the pet may experience in its lifetime.

	☐ Rabies			Vaccination backters can be done at
	□ FVRCP		n 2-4 weeks	Vaccination boosters can be done at our walk-in, first come, first served
☐ FeLV ☐ DHLPP ☐ DHPP ☐ Lyme		☐ Booster i	Booster in 2-4 weeks Booster in 2-4 weeks Clinics! Our next vaccinate clinic is: 11 AM – 2PM	
		☐ Booster i		
		☐ Booster i	n 2-4 weeks	For other vaccine clinic dates visit our
		Booster i	n 2-4 weeks	
	□ Bordetella			website at spayitforwardclinic.com
	☐ H3N2/H3N8 Flu	☐ Booster i	n 2-4 weeks	
	E TREATMENT mals in the home may require sim	illar treatment as	s well. Please cont	act your local vet to have those animals treated
		PARASITE I	MEDICATION	
	☐ Revolution—topical g 30day flea protection	iven for	☐ Droncit -	- injection given for ms
	☐ Ivomec – topical giver	n for ear	•	– pill given for live fleas
	mites	.,		—round/hookworms
Profender—topical applie tape/round/hookworms			Give 1 syringe by mouth today and 1 syringe by mouth in 10 days	
OTHER SERVICES/ FINDINGS Nail Trim Umbilical Hernia I Ear Tip Cryptorchid Microchip In heat Sub-Q Fluids Convenia inj—cor			·	
TESTING				
Feline FIV/FeLV Test			FIV:	Negative / Positive
			FeLV:	Negative / Positive
Canine Heartworm Test			Heartworm:	Negative / Positive
Canine Lyme Test			Lyme:	Negative / Positive
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VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED