

Congratulations!!! You just had your DOG fixed!!!

There are several things you need to do in order to ensure your pet has a successful post-surgical recovery!

1. **NO water for 2 hours, and NO food for 6 hours after surgery.** Due to the effects of anesthesia, drinking or eating prior to these times can cause complications. In 6 hours, give the first dose of pain medication, then every 12 hours thereafter. You have a **3-day supply for boys** and/or a **5-day supply for girls**. The medication is somewhat bitter, so put it in a piece of cheese, peanut butter or treat.
2. If your pet is slightly bleeding at the incision, don't be alarmed. A slight amount of blood is not uncommon. **DO NOT clean the incision, and DO NOT apply Neosporin** or ointments to accelerate healing. If bleeding persists for more than a couple of hours, please email us and we will review the condition of your pet. We're open Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.
3. **Pus or discharge from the incision** are signs of infection, and we want to address that immediately. Infections take a couple of days to form, and if they appear, take a picture of the incision and email the photo to purrfurredpetsurgery@gmail.com and we'll review your pet's condition with you. By the way, look for a very small tattoo on or near the incision. This indicates your pet has been fixed.
4. Sutures/stitches dissolve and absorb into your pet's body. It takes up to 90 days to fully dissolve. So, if you see what looks like a thin black wire that's popping out at the incision, don't be alarmed. This is suture material your pet is trying to push out. We don't commonly see this, but it does happen. **DO NOT pull it!! And...DO NOT use scissors to cut it!** Use finger or toenail clippers, get close to the skin and clip the excess suture material.
5. Boys wear the cones for 10 days, and girls for 14 days! You can take it off so your pet can eat and drink, or if you want to cuddle or just hang out with them...if they're not licking or chewing their incision. **But...if they are OUT of your SIGHT, or, if you're SLEEPING, they MUST have their cones on!!**
6. Your pet **CANNOT get their incisions wet!** Boys 10 days, girls 14 days.

Now for the most important thing!!!! PLEASE READ, No really, PLEASE READ!!

7. Boys, you're on 10 days bed rest! And girls, you're on 14 days bed rest. **NO RUNNING!! NO JUMPING, NO PLAYING!!!** This is the number one reason pets experience post-surgical complications! Walking around the house is acceptable, but this is the extent of your pet's physical activity!
8. **NOTE...NOTE...NOTE!!!** If you have a very active pet, you may want to consider giving your pet Trazadone! This medication helps calm your pet down and helps with recovery. Ask our staff about purchasing Trazadone at our clinic. Boys get a 7-day supply and girls get a 10-day supply.

REALLY IMPORTANT STUFF! The easy part is over! Now comes the hard part...the recovery period. Please, please make sure you follow these instructions to the letter!!! If your pet needs after surgery veterinary care YOU will bear that expense...and we don't want you to incur any unnecessary expenses!!!

In case of after hour emergencies, we suggest you call Blue Pearl Emergency Pet Hospital

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