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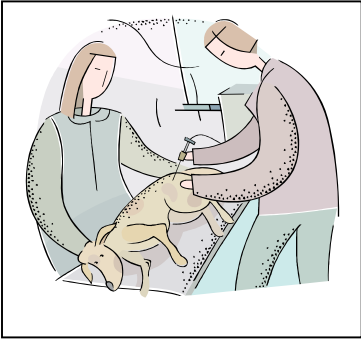


How To Care For Your Pet After A Spay

Your pet has been spayed. This means that the ovaries and uterus were surgically removed. This is a common procedure, but is major abdominal surgery. For ideal healing, you must perform proper post-operative care. Recovery is usually uneventful, but occasionally complications occur. Doing the following things decrease the chance of complications.

Exercise You should restrict your pet's activity the first week following the surgery to allow your pet to heal properly. Excessive exercise such as running and jumping can cause a breakdown of the abdominal incision. This can lead to serious complications.

Monitoring the Incision You should check the incision at least one time a day. You should monitor it for swelling, bleeding, redness, oozing fluid, or separation of the incision. You should bring any of these to our attention. If your pet has sutures, look to make sure they are still present.



Licking Some pets lick at their incisions. This can cause complications. Alert us if your pet is licking. In this event, an Elizabethan collar needs to be placed on the dog to avoid complications.

Other Complications Also monitor your pet for depression, vomiting, diarrhea, not eating, or bloody urine. Alert us if you notice any of these signs.

Pre-Operative Blood Work
 Normal _____ Abnormal _____ Not Performed _____
 Comments _____

Sutures
 Return for suture removal in 10 to 14 days _____
 Suture removal not needed because sutures below the skin _____

Pain Medicine Your pet was given an injection to control pain after surgery. You have been given medicine to give your pet to help control pain for the next three days. Start this medicine _____.

Additional Comments _____

