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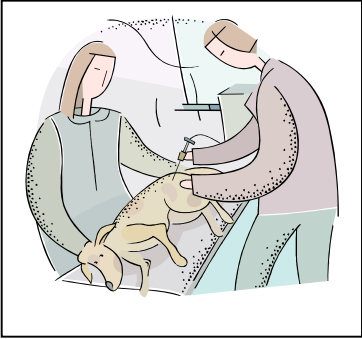


### How To Care For Your Dog After A Neuter

Your dog has been neutered. This means that the testicles were surgically removed. This is a common procedure, but is 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 incision and bleeding.

**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.



**Diet** Do not feed your pet until 6 pm to decrease the chance of vomiting. Only feed 1/2 of his usual amount tonight. You may return to normal feeding tomorrow.

**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 after surgery to control pain. You have been given medicine to give to your pet to help control pain for the next three days. Start the medication \_\_\_\_\_.

**Additional Comments** \_\_\_\_\_