

Post Operative Care Instructions:

1. **Restrict your pet's activity for 7-10 days** - No running, jumping, playing, swimming or other strenuous activity. Keep pets indoors where they can be clean, dry and warm. Do not bath your pet during the recovery period. Dogs must be kept on a leash when walked outdoors. Pets that were in heat should not be allowed around intact males for 14 days.
2. **Check the incision site twice daily** - There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar must be worn. You can purchase these collars at most pet stores or at our clinic. Please note: Female and pediatric patients have a water soluble tissue adhesive on the skin surface. This 'glue' will appear dry and crusty and has a bluish-green color. It will fall off as the incision heals.
3. **Additional Discharge Instructions for Male Dogs** - The incision on your dog is over the scrotum. You may see some oozing of bloody fluid over the next 2-3 days. This is normal. If you are concerned, please call the clinic.
4. **Stomach upset may occur** - Offer small amounts of food for the first 24 hours. Your pet's appetite will gradually return during this time. Do not change your pet's diet. Do not give new food or people food during the recovery period. Reactions to this change can mask the symptoms of post surgical complications.
5. **Your pet will be sluggish** - Lethargy lasting more than 24 hours after surgery, diarrhea or vomiting is NOT normal. Your pet should be taken to a full service veterinarian. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.
6. **We recommend your pet receive a post-operative examination with a full-service veterinarian 7-10 days after surgery** - Have the incision checked for complete healing and to discuss additional needs, follow-up care and vaccination boosters that your pet may need. A list of veterinarians who offer free post-op checks is available at the front desk.
7. **If there are any questions or concerns directly related to the surgery during the recovery period, please call the clinic at 434-821-4922. If there is an emergency after hours, contact a full-service veterinarian or the:**

**Animal Emergency and Critical Care of Lynchburg**

**434-846-1504**

**3432 Odd Fellows Road, Lynchburg, VA**

Note:

If all of the post-operative instructions are followed in full, the South Central Spay/Neuter Clinic will treat at minimal or no cost, any post-operative complications resulting directly from the surgery. A full

service veterinarian must address illness or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from undiagnosed pre-existing conditions, failure to follow post-op instructions, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated

Our veterinarians recommend that you establish a wellness program for your pet with a full-service veterinarian.