

Congratulations on spaying/neutering your pet! You have increased his/her chance for a longer and healthier life.

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Your pet may have a decreased appetite for the next 24 hours, but it should resume after that time. Please offer water when you arrive home and feed dinner as normal. Your pet may start the pain medication tomorrow morning.
2. No running, jumping, playing, swimming, or other strenuous activity for 7-10 days. Keep your pet quiet. Pets must be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry, and warm. No baths during the recovery period. Dogs must be walked on a leash and cats must be kept indoors.
3. Check the incision site twice daily for any signs of redness, heat, swelling, or drainage. Please contact us if you notice any of these signs. **Surgical rechecks are available from 9am-12pm, Monday through Friday.**
4. Do NOT allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. They may need to wear an Elizabethan collar to prevent this and any possible infection. Again, if any of the above signs are noted, please contact us at (864) 242-3626. If there is an emergency after hours, please contact the Animal Emergency Clinic at (864) 232-1878.
5. Your pet received a green tattoo next to their incision. This is a permanent mark to indicate their spayed/neutered status.
6. Your pet received internal sutures that will dissolve over time. It can take several months for the sutures to completely dissolve.
7. It can be normal for a female that was spayed while in heat to have a blood-tinged discharge for up to 2 weeks after surgery.
8. The Greenville Humane Society will treat, at our clinic, at no additional cost, any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-operative instructions are followed in full. YOUR REGULAR VETERINARIAN MUST ADDRESS ILLNESSES OR INJURIES THAT ARE NOT A DIRECT RESULT OF SURGERY. Please call for an appointment as soon as you see cause for concern. We cannot be held responsible for needs requiring attention after our business hours. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-operative instructions, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated, including kennel cough. The recheck examination is free, but you will be responsible for the cost of any additional care, including pain medication, antibiotics, and/or an Elizabethan collar to prevent licking.

