

# CONGRATULATIONS ON SPAYING/NEUTERING YOUR PET!

*You have increased their chance for a longer and healthier life.*



## THE DO'S

- Check incision site twice daily for any signs of redness, heat, swelling, or drainage. Please contact us if you notice any of these signs.
- Offer food/water when you arrive home. Your pet may have a decreased appetite for the next 24 hours but should resume eating normally after that time.
- **Start any dispensed pain medication in the morning.**
- Keep pet indoors where they can stay clean, dry and warm.
- Walk dogs on-leash.

## THE DON'TS

- No running, jumping, playing, or other strenuous activity for 7-10 days.
- No baths or swimming during the recovery period.
- Do not allow pet to lick or chew at the incision site. They may need to wear an Elizabethan collar to prevent this and any possible infection.



## CONTACT US!

- Please call us at 864-263-5612 or email [spayandneuter@greenvillehumane.com](mailto:spayandneuter@greenvillehumane.com) if you have any questions or concerns.
- We perform surgical re-checks Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.
- For emergency after-hours care, contact the Animal Emergency Clinic at 864-232-1878.



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# FAQS



- **Do I need to return for follow-up care?**
  - Only if an issue arises related to the incision site. Otherwise, your pet received internal sutures today which will dissolve over time. It may take several months for this to occur.
- **What is this green mark near my pet's incision site?**
  - Your pet received a green tattoo next to their incision. This is a permanent mark to indicate their spayed/neutered status.
- **My female dog is bleeding from her vulva, is this normal?**
  - 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. Please keep these "in heat" females away from male dogs for 2-3 weeks.

## OTHER INFO

- If the above post-operative instructions are followed in full, the Greenville Humane Society will treat any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery.
- **YOUR REGULAR VETERINARIAN MUST ADDRESS ILLNESSES OR INJURIES THAT ARE NOT A DIRECT RESULT OF SURGERY.**
- 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.
- 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.
- Your pet may have a firm swelling at the area of their incision for up to two months. This can be a normal reaction of the body to the suture and is not cause for worry. If redness, discharge, and/or heat is also noted at the incision site, please bring your pet in to be seen immediately.

