



Oregon Humane Society Spay & Neuter Clinic

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POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS & VISIT SUMMARY

No running, jumping, playing, swimming or other strenuous activity for 10 to 14 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 kept indoors.

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 applied to prevent it. An Elizabethan collar will be provided at no cost upon request. No suture removal is required unless you were specifically told otherwise.

Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours post-op, diarrhea, or vomiting are not normal and your pet should be examined. Please call the clinic at (503) 480-7729 for an appointment. Pets may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.

Do not change your pet's diet at this time and do not give junk food, table scraps, milk or any other people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-surgical complications.

We recommend your pet receive a post-operative examination with your regular veterinarian to discuss any additional needs, follow-up care, and / or vaccination boosters.

If your pet received vaccines today, please monitor for vaccine reactions (facial swelling, hives, vomiting) and take to your regular veterinarian or Salem Veterinary Emergency Clinic immediately if symptoms are observed.

If there are any questions or concerns directly related to the surgery during the recovery period, please call this office at (503) 480-7729. **If there is an emergency after hours, contact your regular veterinarian or Salem Veterinary Emergency Clinic at (503) 588-8082, an emergency fee will apply.**

Your pet received a tattoo next to their incision. This tattoo is a shallow skin score to which green ink, then glue is applied; **IT IS NOT AN EXTRA INCISION.**

If you have been given additional oral pain medication for your pet, please give as directed for this patient. **Do not give human medication to the Animal. It is dangerous & can be fatal.**

Oregon Humane Society Spay & Neuter Clinic will treat at OUR CLINIC, at minimal cost, any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-op 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 complications or costs resulting from failure to follow post-op instructions, treatment at another hospital, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.