



Post-Operative Instructions

1. No running, jumping, playing, swimming or other strenuous activity for 7 to 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 kept indoors.
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. An Elizabethan (radar-dish) collar **MUST** be applied to prevent it.
3. 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 seen by a regular veterinarian. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.
4. 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 (or at any time). This could mask postsurgical complications.
5. If there are any questions or concerns, please call this office at 870-741-9447.

Affordable Veterinary Services will treat at our clinic, at minimal cost, any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery happening within 10 days post-op, if the above post-op instructions are followed in full. We will fully charge for 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 must be notified within 24 hours of the onset of symptoms. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-op instructions, for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously maintained on preventive care properly, or for rare hormonal reactions.

No suture removal is needed unless otherwise noted.

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