

Caring for \_\_\_\_\_ After being Neutered

**Anesthesia:** It is normal for your pet to be groggy the day of surgery. This should wear off by the next day. Some anesthetics can make you dog more vocal than normal even though he may not be painful. If you have any concerns please call.

**Proper Restraint and Exercise:** Properly restraining your pet is important. Being too excited or rowdy for the first few days could hurt your pet. Use a leash or carrier to keep your pet under control. Small leash walks will help reduce the soreness related to the neutering.

**Food and Water:** Start by offering your pet a small amount of water. Try not to let him drink too much water too quickly as it may upset his stomach. If he does fine with water, try a small amount of your pet's normal food then build up slowly. If vomiting occurs, take the water away and try again in 12 hrs. If you note any of the following symptoms, please contact us immediately.

\*Not eating for more than 2 days   \*Not drinking for more than 1 day   \*Weakness

\* Depression   \*Continued Vomiting   \*Prolonged Diarrhea

**Incision Line and Sutures:** The sutures in your dog are internal and should dissolve. Cats do not have sutures. Please check the incision line when you first pick up your pet. The incision line should remain looking much the same, staying dry and clean. If you notice redness, discharge, heat, pain, or an odor from the site, please contact us. Your pet may clean the incision site but obsessive cleaning should be stopped as it may injure the site.

**Bathing:** Do not bathe your pet for 10 days to allow the incision the heal completely

**Medications:** If you have elected pain medication for your dog, please give according to the instructions on the bottle. Pain medication is usually an injection that last for 3-5 days. If you think your animal seems painful at anytime please contact us.