General Post Surgical Care Instructions

For the safety and well-being of you and your pet, be sure to follow these post-operative instructions carefully.

- **NEVER** give your pet Aspirin, Tylenol, or Ibuprofen, as these drugs can be deadly.

Do not allow your pet to run, jump, play, swim, or bathe (or any other strenuous activity) for 10 to 14 days following today’s surgery. Be sure to keep your pet quiet and indoors, where they will stay clean, dry, and warm. Be sure to take your dog outside on short, leashed walks only.

Tonight, give your pet half of their normal amount of food and water when you get home. So long as no problems occur, your pet can return to eating normal sized meals in the morning. Appetite should gradually return to normal within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours after surgery, diarrhea, and vomiting are not normal and your pet should see your primary care veterinarian. A slight cough for a few days following surgery, however, is normal.

Be sure to check the incision site twice daily. There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling at the incision site should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew the area of incision.

The most common surgical complications are caused when a pet licks their incision. In order to protect against issues associated with licking, e-collars are available for purchase. E-collars can be purchased here at the Pet Well Clinic for $10, at your local veterinarian, and most pet stores. Should we notice any pet licking while in our care, we will send them home with an e-collar, but if this becomes a problem later, feel free to purchase one as needed. You’ll want to keep this e-collar on at all times until the suture has dissolved.

During this time, be sure not to change your pet’s diet. Avoid feeding junk food, table scraps, milk, or any foods not intended for pets during the recovery period, as these can mask post-surgical complications. Do NOT administer any human products, including asprin, Tylenol, or herbs of any kind.

Be attentive to ensure that your pet is urinating normally and having regular bowel movements. For cats, you’ll want to keep them isolated to monitor their litter box.

If your pet received additional pain medication today, follow the instructions directly. Do not over administer.

The sutures your pet received are dissolvable unless otherwise stated by your receptionist at pick up.

**Lastly, you’ll notice a green tattoo on all female pets who have been spayed. We place these marks so that veterinarians can quickly observe whether or not a female in their care has already been spayed.**

If you have questions or concerns, call Spay Illinois **(630) 961-8000** during the recovery period. Should you have questions after our regular business hours, contact one of the emergency clinic listed on the back of this form. Spay Illinois will treat any post-op complication resulting directly from surgery at our clinic, at no cost, so long as these instructions are followed in full. All illnesses that are not a direct result of surgery must be addressed by your regular veterinarian. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post operative instructions.

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Remember that you can always call The Pet Well Clinic with non-emergency questions

**(630) 961-8000**

It is important to notify a veterinarian is any of the following occurs:

- Loss of appetite for longer than 48 hours
- Pet refuses to drink water for over 24 hours
  - Lethargy or apparent pain
  - Vomiting or diarrhea more than 24 hours after surgery

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Thank you for your visit!
We look forward to caring for your pets again soon.

**Donations can be delivered to:**
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2765 Maple Avenue
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