

Post-Operative Care Information

Congratulations! You are a responsible pet owner. By having your pet neutered or spayed, you have increased your pet's chances for a longer, healthier life. In addition, you have also helped to address the pet overpopulation problem.

Post-operative care is simple but important in helping your pet with recovery.

1. Your pet may exhibit signs that he or she is still under the influence of the anesthesia. This is a normal condition and is affected by the size and age of the animal. The condition will diminish over time.
2. When your pet first returns home after surgery, it is best if you take them outside to go to the bathroom. It has been a long day for them.
3. Please be sure to keep your pet warm after surgery.
4. After surgery, give your pet a calm and quiet environment away from noise, activity, other pets, and small children. Keep your pet indoors overnight the day of the surgery.
5. Upon returning home, your pet may have small amounts of food and water if they wish. Some animals do not wish to eat directly after surgery, or may be nauseous and vomit. Pets should return to their normal eating habits 24 hours after surgery. If your pet's eating habits have not returned to normal at this time, please contact Every Creature Counts.
6. Your pet has discoverable sutures in his or her incision. These sutures will not require removal. However, as the body begins to absorb the suture material, there may appear a firm, painless swelling beneath the skin around the incision. This is normal! It will gradually go away in one to two weeks. Check for any redness or swelling around, or discharge from, the incision site. If this occurs, please contact Every Creature Counts.
7. If your pet begins to lick its surgical site, place an Elizabethan collar (E-collar) on for a few days. These can be purchased directly from Every Creature Counts or from local pet supply stores such as PetSmart.
8. Do not allow your pet to swim, and do not bathe your pet for two weeks after surgery. If the surgical site becomes dirty, wipe it with a damp cloth then dry gently.

NOTE: If your pet has not returned to their normal eating habits within 24 hours, please contact Every Creature Counts

POST SURGICAL ISSUE CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: If your pet has a post-surgical issue, you must contact Every Creature Counts for assistance. Every Creature Counts will NOT pay for any services incurred through other veterinarians.

Should you need assistance, please contact Every Creature Counts at the phone number listed below.

Leave a message on Mailbox 2 at (303) 546-2704

PAIN MEDICATION INFORMATION

ADULT CAT/KITTEN: Give one syringe of liquid buprenorphine by mouth once daily for three days.

DOG - Tramadol, Give tablet(s) twice a day with food for three days. Dosage is on pill envelope.

SMALL DOG - Metacam, give one syringe of liquid metacam by mouth once daily for three days.

Please Begin Pain Medication the Day After Surgery