



## Spay and Neuter/ Surgery After Care

Your pet has had major surgery and will need to be well cared-for afterwards to help prevent complications. Following the instructions below will help ensure your pet has a safe and comfortable recovery.

1. Limit Activity (walks are ok, no jumping, running or rough play). Be careful if you pick up the animal to be mindful of incision
2. Keep on a Regular Diet (adjust to bland diet if needed for diarrhea)
3. Keep the Incision dry, uncovered. No bath for 2weeks after procedure
4. Check Their Incision Twice Daily, if irritated/swollen you can apply small amount of Neosporin as needed to incision
5. Dog must wear cone for 7-14 days anytime they are not being monitored to avoid infection, licking or opening of incision
6. Separate dogs as needed, force plenty of crate rest
7. Call Rescue directly if You Have Concerns

Grogginess and nausea can occur post-surgery. Females may have light vaginal bleeding/discharge this is normal after a spay. If a pregnancy was terminated, dog may seem depressed for a few days to a week, that's due to the hormones. Feed half of meal the same day of surgery to prevent overindulging/ vomiting and then back to regular feeding tomorrow. If dog skips meals, this is fine and can last for about 1-3days. Just make sure they are hydrated and urinating.

Some dogs may need pain medication or antibiotics after surgery. If they are not on any medication, but uncomfortable/restless you may use Benadryl to help them sleep. Most dogs are back to normal within 48hrs and need to be forced to rest to avoid post-surgical complications.