

Canine & Feline Spay Discharge Instructions

A spay (ovariohysterectomy) is a surgical procedure which involves the removal of the ovaries and the uterus. This procedure stops estrus cycles and prevents unwanted pregnancies. Spaying virtually eliminates mammary gland abscesses, mammary gland tumors, uterine tumors, uterine infections and ovarian cancers.

Make sure to follow these important instructions regarding the after care for your pet.

- The surgery requires general anesthesia and an abdominal incision. Generally, 2-3 days after surgery your pet will be its usual self.
- You **do not** need to bring your pet back for suture removal. All of the sutures are under the skin and are absorbable.
- Your pet receives pain and antibiotic injections at the time of surgery. Pain and antibiotic medication is dispensed at discharge and should be given the next day per label instructions.
- If your pet was in heat at the time of surgery, be sure to keep her confined and away from males for 1 – 2 weeks, as they will still be attracted to her during this time.
- Your pet may not want to eat or drink anything until later on that night. Your pet's appetite should return within 24 hours.
- It is very important to keep the incision clean and dry. No bathing or swimming for at least two weeks.
- Keep your pet from licking or chewing at the incision site.
- Activity restriction is recommended during the next 7-14 days.

Please let us know if you notice any redness, soreness, drainage, excessive licking, vomiting, lethargy, or poor appetite. Please call us at (912) 285-7678 with any questions or problems.



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