



Calgary Pet Wellness and Spay/Neuter Clinic

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SURGERY HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS – NEUTER

SURGICAL PROCEDURE:

- Your pet had major surgery today. He was unconscious during the operation.
- The testicles were removed through an incision in the scrotum or pre-scrotal skin. If one or both testicles did not descend into the scrotum (cryptorchid), a second incision will have been made in the groin or into the abdomen in order to access the undescended testicle(s).

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER SURGERY:

- Your pet may be groggy, sleepy or unsteady from the anesthesia. However, he should still be responsive and able to move around, including being able to go to the bathroom and interact quietly with you.
- Please try to keep your pet quiet. Refrain from exercise and play, and allow your pet to rest.
- Your pet will typically require 24 hours to recover to a normal energy and attitude after anesthesia. He should be back to normal once the anesthetic has left his system entirely.
- ***If your pet seems excessively sleepy, having trouble moving around, or is not very responsive, please contact us, OR see the after-hours emergency contact information below.***

FEEDING:

- Your pet may not want to eat when he gets home after surgery, as he may still be a bit sleepy, or even nauseous from the anesthesia. • **Re-introduce food slowly.** Offer a small amount of food (about ½ to ¼ of a normal meal amount) and water when your pet is fully awake. -If no vomiting occurs after about 30min-1 hour, you can then offer your pet the rest of their normal meal amount. -If vomiting occurs, please wait until the next day to offer more food. • Your pet's appetite should gradually return to normal within 24 hours. Provide the normal amount of food and water to your pet the day after surgery. • ***Please contact us if you have any concerns about your pet's appetite, or see the after-hours emergency contact information below.***

MEDICATIONS:

- Please follow the prescription label(s). • Please do not alter the dosage or frequency of any prescribed medications without consulting a veterinarian. • If you feel your pet's medications need to be altered or refilled, please contact us.

ACTIVITY:

- The healing process usually takes 10-14 days. Activity and exercise need to be restricted during this time. You may consider confinement in a familiar, cozy room, or in a crate (if they are crate trained) when you are unable to directly supervise them. During the healing period, it is very important to prevent your pet from running, jumping, rough play, and swimming, etc.
- If your dog routinely "does their business" upon leash walks, please be sure to keep them on the leash at all times, and only walk a very short distance, slowly. • Please do not bathe your pet or have her groomed during this time.

INCISION SITE:

- Check the incision site daily for 10-14 days. A small amount of swelling, redness or bruising can occur. Ensure the E-collar (cone) is on for 10-14 days.
- Cats can commonly have a suture reaction, causing inflammation in the tissue under the incision. This can result in a round, semi-firm lump under the incision. It will resolve on its own in time. Do not clean or apply any topical ointments to the incision site. ****If there are any concerns about the appearance of the incision, please email us photos using the address above.***

SUTURES:

- Sutures are buried and are absorbable (unless you are told otherwise).
- If skin sutures or staples are present, your pet will need to return in 10-14 days to have those removed. Please call to schedule an appointment for this.

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PET TO LICK OR CHEW THE INCISION. USE A CONE OR A MEDICAL PET SHIRT TO PREVENT SELF-TRAUMA

POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS:

- If any of the below signs are noted, please seek urgent veterinary attention:
 - Pale gums
 - Excessive bleeding from the incision
 - Depression or unresponsiveness
 - Labored breathing
 - Lethargy lasting more than 48 hours
 - Difficulty urinating

IN CASE OF AFTER HOURS INQUIRES OR AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT:

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5707 Macleod Trail SW
403-212-4008

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