



**Radcliffe Complete Small Animal
Care & Laser Center
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Patient: _____
Client: _____
Date: _____

Post-Operative Ovariohysterectomy (Spay) Homecare Instructions

Pain Control Medication:

A spay procedure was performed on your pet today which removes the female reproductive organs (ovaries and uterus). This is considered a major abdominal surgical procedure involving general anesthesia. In our observations, pets who receive post-operative pain relief seem to feel much better the next day. They tend to get back to their routines/behaviors faster and heal with fewer complications due to licking. Please give the pain medication as prescribed on the bottle.

Post-Operative Instructions:

Offer your pet SMALL amounts of food and water at frequent intervals when you get home. Please keep in mind that the appetite may not be completely normal for a day or two. Vomiting may occur if offer too much food and water at one time. If vomiting occurs, decrease the amount offered. Regular feedings can begin again in the morning.

DO NOT give Aspirin or Tylenol. These can be toxic to your pet. Only give pain medication given to you by the veterinarian or prescribed by the veterinarian.

Restrict all jumping and rough play as much as possible until sutures are removed.

If your pet was in “heat” at the time of spaying, please keep her away from male dogs until sutures are removed. Males may still try to breed her. She will not get pregnant, but internal sutures could be torn resulting in internal bleeding and possibly death.

Return in 10 to 14 days to have sutures removed. There is no charge for this unless sedation is required.

No bathing for the next 10 to 14 days. Please keep the surgical area clean and dry. DO NOT wash the area or apply anything topically to them without first consulting the veterinarian.

Please be sure IMMUNIZATIONS are kept up-to-date. Your pet’s resistance to disease may be lowered for the next few days due to the stress of any surgical procedure.

Please call the care center at 515-899-2165 right away if any of the following occur:

- Vomiting after 24 hours or refusal to eat after 48 hours
- Diarrhea at any time
- Signs of severe pain (some discomfort is normal)
- Excessive licking or chewing at the surgical site
- Persistent swelling, bleeding, discharge or foul odor from the surgery site(s)(toe(s))
- Any evidence the surgical site appears to be pulling apart/opening up
- Pet acts odd or seems “not right” in any other way

Note: We make every effort to avoid complications, but unexpected problems can always occur. Complication may include but not limited to infection, wound dehiscence or chewing out sutures. **The owner is responsible for any and all charges resulting from any complications of the surgical procedure beyond our control.**