

Care of your dog after Castration

Your dog has been castrated which involved surgery in a very sensitive area and therefore needs care for some time after the event. Unfortunately dogs do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with your dog's recovery.

Immediately after

When you pick up your dog from the hospital he may be a little drowsy; this is quite normal following an anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12 - 24 hours. There will be some bruising, the same as humans, so they should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days. Keep your pet quiet, warm and give constant access to fresh water. Ideally give only small amounts of bland food as sometimes the anaesthetic can upset their stomach. Your pet will be back to normal in a couple of days.

Medication

Your pet has been prescribed the following medication:

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Please finish the full course of tablets unless otherwise directed.

Take care

Most dogs have fully recovered within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that your pet may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything that he can to upset the surgery and/or sutures. Please try to keep your pet as quiet as possible until the sutures are removed and the wound has healed. **We advise the use of a preventative collar or protective shirt, which are available from reception, to stop your pet from licking and chewing at the stitches.** You should keep your dog separate from bitches that have not been neutered and that are in season for at least one month as they may still be able to get the bitch pregnant.

Problems

Generally there are very few complications after the operation, however, there are some signs to watch for that may indicate a problem:

- 1) Dull and listless (especially after the first 24 hours)
- 2) Excessive redness or irritation around the suture line
- 3) Excessive swelling or lumpiness around the sutures

If you notice any of these signs please do not hesitate to call the hospital.

Your dog should be seen again in days for a Post Op Check with the vet / nurse.

And then again in days for stitches out with the vet / nurse.

Please make these appointments at reception or phone us on 01572 722646.