



## Care for your pet after Spaying

Your pet has been spayed through an incision in her abdomen; this procedure involves internal surgery therefore she needs care for some time after the event. Unfortunately dogs and cats do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with your pet's recovery.

### Immediately after

When you pick your pet up from our hospital she 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 she should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days. Keep your pet in a quiet, warm place with constant access to fresh water. Ideally give only small amounts of bland food, as sometimes anaesthetic can upset their stomach.

### 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 animals 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 she 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 or chewing at the stitches.**

### 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 pet should be seen again in ..... days for a Post Op Check with the Nurse / Vet.

And then again in ..... days for their stitches out with the Nurse / Vet.

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