



Premier
VetCare

13197 Old Nashville Hwy, Smyrna TN 37167
615-459-0802; infopremiervetcare@comcast.net

POST-OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY INSTRUCTIONS

An OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY (“Spay”) procedure was performed on your pet which removes the internal female organs (ovaries & uterus). This is considered a major abdominal surgical procedure involving general anesthesia.

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

1. Spaying does NOT cause a pet to get fat or lazy. This comes from overfeeding & lack of exercise. After spaying <animal> needs 25% less calories per day. So in order to prevent obesity your pet needs a reduction in its daily food ration and get plenty of exercise
2. Personalities are NOT changed by the procedure. Personalities MAY NOT fully develop until two (2) years of age. Aggressiveness can be caused by the sexual hormones and sometimes will decrease once the pet is spayed.

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **NO Food until the next morning after surgery.** Anesthesia and abdominal surgery may cause nausea and vomiting if the pet is fed before 24 hours after surgery.
2. **Give SMALL amounts of WATER ONLY when you get home and at frequent intervals before bedtime tonight.** Do NOT let your pet drink a large quantity at one time—or vomiting will occur. If no vomiting occurs by bedtime, leave water available to the pet during the night.
3. **Do NOT give Aspirin or Tylenol™.** These can cause excessive bleeding or be toxic to your pet. An additional safe and effective pain injection can be given at the time of discharge if the pet appears to be uncomfortable.
4. **Restrict jumping as much as possible until the sutures are removed.**
5. **Return in 10 DAYS for suture removal.** There is no charge unless sedation is required.
6. **If your pet was “in heat” when spayed, keep her away from male dogs until suture removal.** If accidentally bred, of course she can not get pregnant, BUT internal suture could be torn causing internal bleeding and even death.
7. **Keep the pet WARM & DRY until sutures are removed.**
8. **Be sure IMMUNIZATIONS are kept up-to-date because your pet’s resistance to disease will be lowered for a few days due to the stress of any surgical procedure.**
9. **Notify the clinic if any of the following occur:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vomiting or Diarrhea after 24 hours.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous lick or pulling at the sutures. (Restraint Collar May Be Needed)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refusal to eat after 48 hours.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excessive swelling of the incision.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe pain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The incision comes open.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any evidence of significant bleeding from the incision.	

NOTE: Our low-cost spay/neuter program is offered as a community service to help alleviate pet overpopulation problems. We make every effort to avoid complications, BUT unexpected problems can always occur. Complications might include infection, wound dehiscence, or chewing out sutures. **THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL CHARGES RESULTING FROM ANY COMPLICATION OF THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE BEYOND OUR CONTROL.**