

Humane Society AC Spay/Neuter Clinic Post-Operative Instructions.



**** Please read all instructions at the time of discharge. ****

Keep your pet from licking or chewing on the wound. If this is difficult to do, you might want to provide a physical barrier by placing an “**Elizabethan collar**” around his/her head. **This is dispensed with all dog surgeries and must be kept on for (10) ten days.** The collars are available for cats as well at a small fee if you need one. If your pet removes his/her sutures he/she will need to come in for anesthesia, surgical repair, and antibiotics at an additional fee, so please keeps the collar on for the full ten days.

Chances are your pet will be weak after surgery. Do not let him/her get too excited. Restrain your animal with a leash or put him in a carrier when leaving the hospital. This will protect him from additional injury. **Keep dogs leashed when outside for 10 days.**

Provide only small amounts of food and water until he readjusts to being at home and is recovering. Too much food and water can lead to an upset stomach or vomiting.

Limit your pet's exercise. Climbing stairs, jumping or running may open up sutures or cause nausea. This is very important while your pet is healing.

Your pet has **dissolving sutures** that will fall out in 1 to 3 months however they can be removed approximately 10 days after surgery. Check the area around the incision daily for redness, swelling or drainage. If you detect any irritation, contact us immediately.

Your pet may need booster vaccines. These are generally needed three weeks after the initial vaccine (Distemper, Feline Leukemia, ect, but not Rabies). These vaccines should be boosted at your regular veterinarian, or can be done through our Full Service veterinary Clinic by making an appointment. Generally, we can booster these vaccines during our Spay Clinics on Wednesday or Friday mornings between 10am and 11am. Please call any number below for more information.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Veterinary Department at any of the numbers listed below. We will be happy to assist you in anyway we can. The Humane Society of Atlantic County is a private non-profit organization that hires experienced NJ licensed veterinarians. The Humane Society of Atlantic County will not reimburse any money paid to any other facility for any reason. Please feel free to contact us with ANY questions. The Humane Society of Atlantic County also operates a full-service veterinary hospital that is open to everyone.

Booster needed: Yes No _____

Special Instructions: _____

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