

# SPAY & NEUTER AFTER SURGERY CARE



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## **Food & Water**

Feed your animal when you get home. Start with a small amount of their regular diet and gradually increase the amount of food each half hour, until normal amounts are achieved. This will reduce the chance of vomiting. Make sure they have plenty of water at all times.

## **Activity Restriction**

No baths or swimming for at least two weeks after surgery. Make sure the incision site remains dry for one week. Discourage licking of the incision. Your pet has stitches on the inside that will dissolve on their own, and the outside incision is glued. If the glue gets wet, the incision could open up. If this happens, please contact your local veterinarian immediately.

No running, jumping or rough play is allowed for one week. Dogs must be kept indoors and must be walked on a leash for at least two weeks. Cats must also be kept indoors for at least two weeks.

Keep your pet away from the opposite sex for at least two weeks.

## **The Incision Site**

Check the incision site twice a day. There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Adult dogs may show a slight cough. A depressed, slowly increasing appetite for a few days is not unusual. Vomiting, diarrhea or severe depression are causes for concern and you should contact your local veterinarian.