

Abbey Animal Hospital

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Post-Surgical Home Care – Dog Spay/Neuter

- Your pet has had an anaesthetic today and as a result may feel nauseated. Only if they are interested, please give them half their normal evening meal.
- Please try to discourage your pet from licking the incision. Occasional licking of the incision is normal, however, if licking becomes excessive, a protective collar will be necessary.
- Check the incision daily for excessive swelling, bruising or discharge. Please call if you have any concerns.
- Mild swelling at the incision site is common in the first week post operatively.
- Please limit your pets' activity to casual, leash only exercise for one week.
- No baths or swimming for 10 days.
- Since your pet has a subcuticular suture put in under the skin using absorbable sutures, there is no need for suture removal.
- Please refer to the prescription label to start any post-operative pain relief medication tomorrow.

We appreciate the confidence you show in us by leaving your pet in our care. We realize they were probably cleaned and groomed upon admittance. However, surgical preparation may require hair clipping and application of various color-tinged disinfectants. Soiling of the hair coat, especially during dental procedures, and by body fluid(s) during anesthesia recovery, presents an additional challenge. Despite this, we have made every effort to ensure your pet's appearance is acceptable when discharged. If we have failed, PLEASE let us know.

Please call us if you have any questions or concerns, we'd be glad to help!