



Surgery Discharge Instructions

Thank you for making the responsible choice to have your pet altered! Please understand that you play an important role in helping your pet recover after surgery. If any complications arise, we will not be here to help you as we are based out of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. You will need to see a veterinarian at your own expense.

1. Your pet will be provided with an e-collar. **It is extremely important that you leave the e-collar on for 14 days.** Your pet must not be allowed to chew or lick at the surgery site! If the e-collar becomes damaged, please replace it immediately. Other pets may have to be separated from the patient to prevent them from licking or chewing at the incision.
2. Please check the incision daily for signs of redness, swelling or discharge.
3. If you pet stops eating, vomits, or becomes lethargic, please contact your local veterinarian.
4. Your pet may not swim or be bathed for 14 days.

Exercise:

1. **Tonight:** Your pet may be sleepy. Please keep them in a kennel or small room (bathroom, laundry room) for the night. Feed half the amount of their normal food.
2. Restrict activity for the 7 days after surgery. Your pet should not run, jump, or engage in rough play with other animals. Dogs should be walked on a leash. **Neuters:** Encourage moderate exercise starting the second day after surgery to reduce scrotal swelling.
3. After 10-14 days, your pet may return to normal activity.

Pain Medication: If the doctor has prescribed pain medication for your pet, please give according to label directions.

Owner/Agent Signature: _____

Date: _____