

POST SURGERY HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

This is a major surgery; take good care of your pet to avoid pain, problems and costs.

If you have any questions or problems Call (707) 599-1553

Your pet is recovering from sedation. Please keep it confined in a warm, quiet place tonight.

Even if this is an outdoor animal, they must be kept inside tonight. We recommend a confined room, warm bed, **no cold floors! No heating pads, too easy to overheat.** **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET LOCKED IN A CARRIER OVERNIGHT** unless the carrier can easily accommodate a fluffy warm bed, food, water, and a litter box. All animals should be closely monitored for 48 hours after surgery.

Public Vet handles all post-operative problems. If you take your pet to another veterinarian without calling Dr. Peavy for prior approval; we may not be liable for medical costs you incur. Set your pet up with food, a shallow dish of water and a litter box **Minimize all stimuli.** Eating will speed recovery. Vomiting may occur the first night after surgery. Within 24 hours your pet should be eating, drinking and back to normal. If not, watch them closely. If you have any indication that your pet is not doing well, please contact Dr. Peavy right away, **don't wait!**

The most common post-operative issue is LOW BODY TEMPERATURE.

Check your pet regularly, if the feet feel cold then apply hot water bottles to their back and abdomen and keep them covered. Again, call the doctor if you have concerns or questions. **Do not give your pet any pills for pain.** Animals can't tolerate human drugs. Aside from a post-op pain shot; the best thing to do for pain is to provide a heated comfortable bed and tender loving care. Both are great antidotes for pain. **Sutures are absorbable**

FOLLOW UP VETERINARY CARE

If your pet received a cat vaccine today and it has never been vaccinated before, you **should** get a booster if they are under 6 months of age. If your pet is a juvenile (under 6 months of age), this single vaccination may not offer your pet adequate protection from disease. It simply starts the immune process. Just like with children, young animals need boosters to develop resistance to disease. Over 6 months you should booster in a year for most pets.

If your pet received a rabies vaccination today, it needs a booster in 1 year or in 3 years depending on the vaccine given. If you ever lose your pet, please contact us right away.

If you do not have a relationship with a local veterinarian,

Be responsible and find a veterinarian for your animals!!

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION!

If you ever find a pet, check the left ear, if there is a green tattoo,
PLEASE CALL US AND LET US KNOW YOU FOUND one of our patients.

We will contact the owner!!

Remember females can be spayed at ANY point in the reproductive cycle, even while nursing.

They can get pregnant as young as 4 months and also just after giving birth, so don't wait.

Ideally cats should be 6 weeks of age before spaying or neutering.

Feel free to call us if you have cat related problems. If we can help, we will!

If we all work together we can improve the health of all!

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