



POST-SURGICAL OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY INSTRUCTIONS

An **OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY** (Spay) procedure was performed on your pet which removes the internal female organs (ovaries & uterus). This is considered a major abdominal surgical procedure involving general anesthesia.

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Spaying does not cause a pet to get fat or lazy. This comes from overfeeding & lack of exercise. Personalities are not changed by the procedure. Personalities do not fully develop until two (2) years of age. Aggressiveness can be caused by the sexual hormones and sometimes will decrease once <animal> is spayed. Aggressiveness is not the result of surgery. The personality will only get better.

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:

- **NO Food until the next morning after surgery.** Anesthesia and abdominal surgery may cause nausea and vomiting if the pet is fed before 24 hours after surgery.
- **Give SMALL amounts of WATER ONLY when you get home and at frequent intervals before bedtime tonight.** Do not let <animal> drink a large quantity at one time—or vomiting will occur. If no vomiting occurs by bedtime, leave water available for <animal> during the night.
- **Do Not give Aspirin or Tylenol™.** These can be toxic to <animal>. An additional pain injection can be given at the time of discharge if <animal> appears to be uncomfortable.
- **Restrict jumping as much as possible until the sutures are removed.**
- **Return in 10 DAYS for suture removal.** There is no charge unless sedation is required.
- **If <animal> was “in heat” when spayed, keep her away from male dogs until suture removal.** If accidentally bred, of course she can not get pregnant, but internal suture could be torn causing internal bleeding and even death.
- **Keep <animal> WARM & DRY until sutures are removed.**
- **Be sure IMMUNIZATIONS are kept up-to-date because <animal>’s resistance to disease will be lowered for a few days due to the stress of any surgical procedure.**
- **Notify the clinic if any of the following occur:**
 - Vomiting after 24 hours.
 - Diarrhea.

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- Refusal to eat after 48 hours
- Severe pain.
- Any evidence of significant bleeding from the incision.
- Continuous lick or pulling at the sutures. (Restraint Collar May Be Needed)
- **NOTE:** Our low-cost spay/neuter program is offered as a community service to help alleviate pet overpopulation problems. We make every effort to avoid complications, but unexpected problems can always occur. Complications might include infection, wound dehiscence, or chewing out sutures. **THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL CHARGES RESULTING FROM ANY COMPLICATION OF THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE BEYOND OUR CONTROL.**