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Hours of Operation: MON-FRI 9am-6pm

## **Ovariohysterectomy/Spay in Dogs & Cats Post-Operative Care**

***Your pet has had a major surgery today, please read the following to ensure a safe recovery:***

**Post Anesthetic Effects:** Your pet has had a sedative and anesthesia today, you may expect her to be sleepier than usual tonight. Be sure that she has a comfortable place to rest for the next 24 hours.

**Food & Water:** Anesthesia may cause nausea, and your pet may or may not want to eat or drink right tonight, which is normal.

- **Give your pet ¼ of what is normally offered of food and water, and resume to normal feeding the next day. If your pet vomits, remove food for the rest of the night, and reintroduce them to food the next day. Many pets do not have a bowel movement for 24-36 hours after an anesthetic procedure.**

### **Activity:**

- **Keep your pet's activity limited for the next 10-14 days, to allow the surgical site to heal completely, without the risk of complications due to running/jumping, or rough play). Keep indoors for at least 10 days if possible.**

**Surgical Incision:** If your pet has external sutures, they will need to be removed in 10-14 days, otherwise, no suture removal is necessary and internal sutures dissolve within a month or two.

- **Keep incision clean and dry. Do not apply anything onto incision, nor give any other medication other than what was prescribed to your pet by your veterinarian.**
- **Your pet will need to wear an E-COLLAR for 10-14 days to allow the surgical site to heal and close completely. This will prevent your pet from licking or chewing at the incision.**
- **No baths for the next 10-14 days**

A small amount of bruising or swelling is normal, however, please be sure to check the incision at least 2-3 times a day for any excessive redness, swelling or discharge. If so, please contact us right away for a surgical recheck.

- ✓ **Suture removal required in 10-14 days YES [ ] NO [ ]**
- ✓ **Remove pressure wrap from I.V catheter location (front leg) within 1 hour of pick up. YES [ ] NO [ ]**

➤ If you have any questions, please call # 661-272-4551 during our business hours.

\*\*\* Surgical recheck within 14 days is available at no charge. You will be responsible for any additional treatment and/or medication if necessary. \*\*\*

➤ If there is an **emergency** after hours with your pet, please seek after hour veterinary care at

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