

Post-Operative Instructions (Males)

1. No running, jumping, playing, swimming or other strenuous activities for 7 to 10 days. Keep your pet quiet. Pets must be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry, and warm. Not baths during the recovery period. Dogs must be walked on a leash and kept indoors.
2. Check the incision site twice daily. The incision has been left slightly open to drain. There will be a small amount of blood-tinged discharge. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs, and Elizabethan collar **MUST** be worn to prevent it.
3. Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours after surgery, diarrhea, or vomiting are not normal, and your pet should be taken to your regular vet. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery
4. Do not change your pet's diet at this time and do not give them junk food, table scraps, milk or any other people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-surgical complications.
5. We recommend your pet receive a post-operative examination with your regular vet 7 to 10 days after surgery, to have the incision checked for complete healing and to discuss additional needs, follow-up care and vaccination boosters.
6. If there is any question or concerns directly related to the surgery during the recovery period, please call **the veterinary office that performed the surgery.**
7. Your pet received a green tattoo net to their incision. This tattoo is a scoring process in the skin; **IT IS NOT AN EXTRA INCISION.**
8. Pet Community Center will treat at our clinic, at minimal cost, any post-operative complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-operative instructions are followed in full. Your regular vet must address illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery. Please call for an appointment as soon as you see cause for concern. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-operative instruction, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.