

POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR DOG

IMPORTANT: DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG OR OTHER PETS TO LICK OR CHEW ITS INCISION. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THE E-COLLAR ON YOUR DOG FOR THE NEXT 14 DAYS

ALL DOGS:

- The night after surgery: Give only small amounts of food and water at a time.
- No running and jumping for 14 days. Keep children and other pets away.
- Walk your dog on a leash and do not leave unattended outside for 14 days.
- It is your responsibility to ensure the integrity and the use of the e-collar. The constant use of the e-collar will reduce the chances of a surgical repair that can be very expensive.
- Your dog will have a small, green tattoo near the incision, indicating that he/she has been altered.

FEMALE DOGS: She can smell like she is in heat for 14 days, so keep male dogs away.

MALE DOGS: He can still be potent for weeks, so keep him away from female dogs.

If he has a SCROTAL incision, it is intentionally left open to drain. Some oozing or bleeding for 5 to 7 days is normal.

Your dog has been given an injection of pain medication which will provide pain relief for at least 24 hours. Your dog has also been given an injection of a nonsteroidal, anti-inflammatory (Meloxicam) that will help reduce swelling and will provide pain relief for at least 24 hours. You should start your take home pain medication at 6PM the next night after the surgery. DO NOT give any medication to your pet while they are taking this medication.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR FOLLOWING SURGERY:

- Your dog may be uncoordinated and weak from the anesthesia for the next 24 hours.
- It may feel some nausea and not want to eat - this is normal.
- Some redness and swelling at the incision site is normal.
- Endotracheal tubes (tube in windpipe) are used during surgery - this may result in a slight cough/hack due to irritation in the throat. If a cough lasts longer than 3 days, please notify PetLuv.

OBSERVE YOUR PET FOR:

- Loss of appetite for more than 2 days, or refusal to drink water for more than 1 day.
- Severe depression or weakness, or vomiting after the first 24 hours.
- Diarrhea, severe pain, difficulty breathing, or incision drainage.

WOUND CARE:

- Your dog has NO EXTERNAL sutures (unless otherwise instructed).
- If there is any discharge or foul odor, or if the incision opens, get medical attention as soon as possible (see below).
- Do not bathe your dog or allow it to go swimming for the next 7 days, as this may cause infection at the surgery site. A sponge bath, avoiding the incision, is allowed.

If you have concerns about your pet's condition or incision, call PetLuv (352-799-9990) Monday through Saturday. We will do a recheck at no charge for surgery-related problems only. If you elect to go elsewhere, we are not responsible for any costs you may incur. For life-threatening emergencies during non-business hours, call an emergency clinic at (727) 841-6575, or consult your local yellow pages. (Please note: PetLuv is not affiliated with any emergency clinic. Any charges incurred are the client's responsibility.