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Dog Spay/Neuter Post Surgery Care Instructions

Dog Name: _____ Owner Name: _____

Surgery Date: _____

- ✔ **No running, jumping, playing, swimming, or other strenuous activity for 7 to 10 days. Try to keep your pet quiet.** Pets should be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry, and warm. **No baths** during the recovery period. Dogs must be walked on a leash.
- ✔ Dogs that are in heat need to be kept away from male dogs for a minimum of 10 days after surgery.
- ✔ **Check the incision site daily.** There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs your pet **MUST** wear an e-collar until the surgical area is completely healed. The edge of the collar needs to be long enough to go past the tip of the nose. The E-collar will prohibit the pet from licking, biting, or pulling at the suture area.
- ✔ **Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery.** Start by offering a small amount of water followed by a small meal (about ½ of a normal meal). Do not change your dog's diet during the recovery time and do not give them junk food, table scraps, milk or any other people food during the recovery period. Feeding them their regular diet will help avoid gastrointestinal upset.
- ✔ Puppies younger than 4 months should be offered food once you get home. Keeping puppies warm and providing them with food prevents hypothermia and hypoglycemia.
- ✔ **There are no sutures to be removed unless otherwise specified.**
- ✔ **Your dog will receive a pain injection that should help with pain control during the first 24 hours after surgery.** Your dog will also go home with 3-4 days of postoperative pain medication. Follow all instructions on postoperative pain medication label. If your dog needs additional pain medication, please contact your regular veterinarian for advice. **DO NOT** give your dog any human pain medications (i.e. Tylenol, Aleve, etc.), as these can be fatal to some animals.
- ✔ If there are any questions or concerns directly related to the surgery during the recovery period, please contact us at **551-7163**. If there is an after-hours emergency, contact your regular veterinarian or local emergency hospital. Lethargy lasting more than 24 hours post-op, diarrhea, or vomiting is not normal. If any of these occur, your pet should be evaluated immediately. Dogs may have a slight cough because of the endotracheal tube used during surgery.
- ✔ In case of emergency, bring this form and present it to the veterinarian. Below is the anesthetic protocol used:

_____ mL Dexdomitor and _____ mL Hydromorphone 2mg/mL administered IV / IM at _____:_____ Isoflourane to effect.

_____ mL Rimadyl (50mg/mL) SQ pre-op, oral Rimadyl TGH (see Rx label)

_____ mL Pen-G SQ pre-op

_____ mL Antisedan administered IM / IV post-op at _____:_____