



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PET BETWEEN 4PM AND 5PM TODAY

Spay/Neuter Home Care Information

CAT

Having your pet spayed/neutered helps to address the pet overpopulation problem in Colorado. You have also increased your pet's chances for a longer, healthier life. We strongly recommend that you establish a regular wellness and vaccination program for your cat with a full-service veterinary clinic or hospital.

Post-operative care is simple but important in helping your pet with recovery.

- 🐾 Your cat has received an injection of pain medication which will last for 24 hours.
- 🐾 Your cat may be unsteady and sleepy tonight, this is normal. Do not leave your pet unattended as reflexes may be altered by the effects of the anesthesia. Do not expose kitty to loud noises or too much activity tonight as kitty will recover most quickly in a warm, quiet environment.
- 🐾 It has been a long day; please open the carrier near the litter box to avoid potential accidents!
- 🐾 Although your pet may not eat, offer water and a small meal this evening. Appetite should return by tomorrow, if not normal within 48 hours following surgery, please contact us.
- 🐾 A small amount of vomiting and/or diarrhea is possible after anesthesia. In the unlikely event that vomiting/diarrhea is severe or bloody, if your pet is unresponsive or cannot find a comfortable place to rest contact your family veterinarian or nearest animal emergency clinic as these are serious issues but rarely related to the surgery.
- 🐾 Look at the incision daily for several days. If you note more than a few drops of bright red blood, severe swelling, redness or green/yellow discharge from the incision, please call us for a recheck.
- 🐾 Keep your kitty inside during the first 3 days after surgery to allow time for the incision to begin healing.
- 🐾 A permanent green tattoo has been applied on your pet's abdomen and may be very noticeable for several days.
- 🐾 **IMPORTANT**-Male cats can be fertile for 2 to 3 weeks after surgery. Please monitor contact with females during this time.

Additional Information for Female Cats

- 🐾 Stitches are under the skin, they do not need to be removed. As the body begins heal, a firm, painless swelling (seroma) may develop around the incision. This is not unusual! However, if the swelling comes and goes when you put gentle pressure on the area it could be an incisional hernia-this is not life threatening but please call us for a recheck.
- 🐾 Please keep her incision dry (no bathing or swimming) for at least 7 days following surgery to allow the incision to begin healing.
- 🐾 If your kitty is constantly licking the incision, please use an e-collar for 5 to 7 days. E-collars can be purchased from most pet supply stores. **The collar should extend at least 2 inches beyond your pet's nose, tight enough to prevent your pet from pulling it off but loose enough to allow normal breathing and swallowing.**

**ALL PETS SHOULD BE OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST
12 to 24 HOURS FOLLOWING SURGERY
303-984-7729**

- 🐾 SpayToday is open from 7 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are concerned about your pet, please call during business hours or leave a message on our machine.
- 🐾 If we are not open and you feel the problem is life threatening, call your family veterinarian or the nearest animal emergency clinic; please note that the cost of care given outside the SpayToday clinic will not be refunded.

SpayToday thanks the Animal Assistance Foundation for their generous support of our programs.