



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

Spay/Neuter Home Care Information

RABBIT

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 program for your dog with a full-service veterinary clinic or hospital.

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

- 🐾 Please give all medications as directed on the packages. We generally recommend starting the morning after surgery but the first dose may be given tonight if you feel your pet is uncomfortable.
- 🐾 Your pet 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. Keep your pet warm and quiet tonight.
- 🐾 Although your rabbit may not eat, offer water and a small meal this evening. Appetite should return by tomorrow. If not eating and pooping normally within 48 hours following surgery, please contact us.
- 🐾 Restrict exercise for a week to allow the incision to start healing.
- 🐾 Replace shavings or litter with shredded paper during this time to prevent contamination of the incision.
- 🐾 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.
- 🐾 A permanent green tattoo has been applied near your pet's incision and may be very noticeable for several days.
- 🐾 If your pet is likely to lick or 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.**
- 🐾 **Female rabbits only**-stitches are under the skin and absorbable, they do not need to be removed. As the body begins to absorb the suture material, 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.
- 🐾 Keep the incision dry (no bathing or swimming) for 7 days to prevent the suture material from dissolving early which could cause the incision to open.
- 🐾 **Male rabbits only**-are neutered through incisions on the skin of the scrotum. The incisions are closed with medical adhesive, if it should come open, it is not an emergency situation; keep the area clean and dry, use an e-collar to prevent licking and call us for a recheck.
- 🐾 The most frequent complication of neutering is pooling of blood in the scrotum (hematoma) and it is most common when the rabbit is too active after surgery. If you think your rabbit may have developed a scrotal hematoma or an infection, use an e-collar to prevent him from licking and call us for a recheck.
- 🐾 **IMPORTANT**-Males can be fertile for 2 to 3 weeks after surgery. Please monitor contact with females during this time.

**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.

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