



JONESVILLE ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## Post Surgical Instructions For Your Dog's Neuter

Your pet has received general anesthesia for his neuter today. For this reason, you should expect your pet to be less active than normal for the next 12-24 hours. If pain medication has been prescribed to relieve your pet's discomfort, please administer the medication as directed. Although it is usually best to give the pain medication with food whenever possible, the first dose can be administered 1-1 ½ hours after arriving home, even if your pet has not eaten.

Although your pet may not be interested in eating, you may offer him food and water 1-2 hours after bringing your pet home. Since general anesthesia can sometimes cause nausea, be sure to offer your pet ½ of their normal meal tonight. Do not be concerned if your pet will not eat or drink tonight as this is common post surgical behavior. However, if your pet has not eaten or had anything to drink in 24 hours, please call.

Your pet has a small incision at the base of his penis. All the sutures are under the skin and they will dissolve, so there is no need to return for the sutures to be removed. You should expect to see some redness at the incision site for the first 7-10 days. Please monitor the incision daily for discoloration or discharge. Do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns regarding the appearance of the incision. If your pet is licking at the incision, he may cause irritation or infection of the area. In this case, use of an e-collar to prevent licking will likely be necessary. Please call us if this occurs so we can help advise you on how to manage this problem.

Although it is uncommon, swelling in the scrotum can occur post surgically. This tends to occur more frequently in large dogs, or in dogs that were very active during the first 24-48 hours after surgery. Therefore, it is very important to keep your pet confined to the house and leash for the first several days after surgery. We recommend that you restrict your pet's activity for 5 days after surgery to avoid post operative complications.

Your pet can be bathed 10 days after surgery. If the incision gets dirty prior to that time, you may gently clean it with an antibacterial soap and water and then gently dry the incision.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.