

## **SPAY/NEUTER**

### **WHAT TO DO FOR YOUR PET AFTER SURGERY**

#### **Limit activity for at least one week after surgery.**

No running, jumping, swimming or other strenuous activity. Please keep pets indoors where they can stay dry, clean and warm. No baths during recovery period.

#### **Monitor appetite and activity level for first 24 hours after surgery.**

Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours, diarrhea or vomiting are NOT normal. Contact us promptly. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.

#### **Check incision site twice daily.**

Do not allow pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs, you will need to purchase and E-collar immediately. We are not liable for any self-induced trauma resulting from NOT using an E-collar.

#### **Quarantine female pets who were in heat before surgery.**

Keep female pets away from not neutered or recently neutered males for at least 2 weeks or serious complications may result. If any discharge is noticed from incision contact us.

#### **Diet**

A consistent diet is important after surgery. Do NOT give human food or table scraps during recovery. Doing so could mask post-operative complications.

#### **Medications**

Do not use human pain relievers. These have the potential to be toxic to your pet. Cats receive an injection of pain medication that lasts 24 hours. Dogs are sent home with chewable pain tablets to be given for 3 days.