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POST SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.) After first taking your pet home, keep him/her in a **small, quiet area** away from stairs and furniture.
- 2.) The first evening following surgery, offer your pet small amounts of water or ice chips every 30 minutes until he/she is not wanting to drink large amounts. If your pet is holding the water down offer ¼ of their normal food ration. He/she can be returned to their normal feeding schedule the following day. Vomiting the night of the surgery is not unusual. If this occurs, take away all food and water till the next day. Call the next day if vomiting continues.
- 3.) Keep your pet in a **clean, dry** area until they come in for an incision check. This will help protect the incision from infection. Give pain medication as prescribed.
- 4.) Call if any soft swelling or discharge occurs from incision or if your pet stops eating. A small amount of firm swelling at the incision is normal. If the animal continuously licks at the incision or any moist redness is noted, you will need to come in and get them fitted for an E-collar that will prevent them from causing further problems.
- 5.) **Do Not Bathe** until 14 days after surgery. Flea medications are fine to be applied.
- 6.) **Female Dogs & Cats** An incision check needs to be done 14 days after surgery. This is done as a courtesy follow up exam at no charge.
- 7.) **Male Dogs & Cats** have no external sutures so no follow up exam is needed unless a problem arises.
- 8.) **Cat declaws** need to use special litter for 14 days after surgery. Make sure to check paws for swelling or bleeding. Call if any limping occurs.
- 9.) If you have any concerns after hours or on weekends call (270)684-3201 and inform the answering service that you need to talk with a doctor about your pet that has had surgery.