

SURGERY AFTERCARE REMINDERS



YOUR PET NEEDS TO BE KEPT RESTRICTED FOR 7 DAYS POST-SURGERY

·RESTRICT JUMPING AND PLAYING FOR 7 DAYS

Too much activity can cause the surgery site to open or become swollen. To help keep your pet from being too active:

- Place your pet in an adequately sized carrier, kennel, crate, or small room when you're not able to supervise your pet. The animal must be able to stand up and turn around in the housing unit.
- If your pet is small, carry him/her up and down stairs. Do not let them jump on or off of furniture.
- Walk your pet on-leash to allow them to go to the bathroom. Do not take your pet for long walks or allow them to roughhouse.

·NO BATHING FOR 7 DAYS

If you bathe your pet after surgery you can introduce bacteria into the surgery site.

- If you must, you can buy water-less pet shampoo, but do not use it near the surgery area.
- Surgery sutures dissolve in water and are necessary for healing. If the sutures become wet, the healing process can be compromised.

·CHECK PET'S INCISION TWICE A DAY

It is important to check if something abnormal is occurring.

- Check for: Redness, swelling, and discharge. (Note: There may be a **small** amount of bruising, redness, or swelling as your pet heals.
- If you don't check twice a day, you will not know if there is a steady change in the appearance of the incision. If there is a dramatic change in the incision, you need to take your pet to the vet.