

LATE FEE OF
\$20 PER HOUR
AFTER 5PM



PICK-UP:
3:30PM

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POST SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is extremely important that you follow these instructions to ensure that your pet has a smooth recovery. Failure to follow these instructions could result in severe harm to the pet and/or the need for additional surgeries.

CARE & FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Your pet may be mildly drowsy or disoriented from anesthesia for the next 12-24 hours. During this time, confine your pet to a warm, quiet area (such as a crate or small room). Make sure they can't fall from furniture or stairs.
- Keep your pet separated from other pets and children when they first arrive home.
- **You must restrict your pet's activity for the next 10 days:** no running, jumping, rough playing, or excessive stair climbing. Cats must be kept indoors. Dogs can have short, leashed potty breaks only.
- Offer your pet a small amount of food and water when you get home. Puppies and kittens need to eat promptly as they are prone to low blood sugar. **If your puppy or kitten won't eat, rub a small amount of Karo or pancake syrup on their gums.** For adult animals, do not be alarmed if they don't want to eat right after coming home.
- The day after surgery you can resume your pet's regular feedings. To help appetite, you can offer small amounts of plain boiled chicken and white rice but avoid other diet changes.
- It is normal for the pet to not have a bowel movement for several days after having anesthesia.
- Keep males away from unspayed females for 30 days. Keep females away from unneutered males for 30 days.

INCISION CARE INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Do not allow the pet to lick or chew at the incision. We strongly recommend having the pet wear an E-collar for the next 10 days.** E-collars can be purchased at AWA or at local pet stores.
- Keep the incision clean. Do not bathe your pet for 14 days. Do not apply anything to the incision.
- Check the incision site twice daily. There should be no drainage and minimal redness / swelling.
- Male cats and male puppies do not have any sutures. All other pets have absorbable sutures under the skin that should not be visible. Sutures can take up to 6 months to fully absorb. **Your pet does not need suture removal.**

PAIN MEDICATION:

- **Your pet has been given injections of pain medication that will last 12-24 hours.**
- Additional pain medications have been sent home (buprenorphine for cats and carprofen or meloxicam for dogs). Please give exactly as directed, starting the day after surgery. **Improper dosing of these medications can cause serious harm. For dogs, the pain medication must be given with a meal.**
- **Do not give human medications to your pet. It is dangerous and can be fatal.**

FOLLOW UP CARE:

- **If your pet is experiencing an emergency, take them immediately to an emergency veterinarian.** Signs of an emergency include: bleeding/hemorrhage, pale gums, labored breathing, severe lethargy, repeated vomiting, collapse, inability to urinate, or refusal to eat/drink for more than 24 hours. **The pet owner is responsible for all costs associated with emergency care.**
- For non-emergency concerns or questions, please call AWA during regular business hours (Monday–Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm). **Please leave a voicemail. We will return your call within one business day.** For surgery-related, non-emergency problems we can schedule rechecks at AWA. **Additional charges may apply.**
- **For non-surgery-related illnesses or injuries, please see your regular veterinarian.**

LOCAL EMERGENCY VETERINARIANS:

- **Mount Laurel Animal Hospital** 220 Mount Laurel Rd, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (856) 234-7626
- **Red Bank Veterinary Hospital** 2051 Briggs Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (856) 429-4394
- **NorthStar Veterinary Hospital** 2834 Route 73N, Maple Shade, NJ 08052 (609) 259-8300
- **Regional Vet Emergency & Specialty Center** 4250 NJ-42, Turnersville, NJ 08012 (888) 830-8844

Your pet has a small green tattoo on its belly to indicate that it has been spayed / neutered