

## **Post – Surgical Canine Neuter Instructions**

Thank you for neutering your dog! Doing so relieves him of a multitude of potential diseases, greatly reduces behavioral problems, prevents sexual drive and mating behavior, and helps reduce the incidence of dangerous encounters with other pets, neighbors, and automobiles. Spaying and neutering is the most responsible step to assist with pet overpopulation. Again, thank you!

To ensure adequate healing through the post-surgical period, please follow these instructions:

There are no external stitches that need to be taken out! However, do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision site. Excessive licking or chewing can cause the hidden stitches to pull, leave a hole, and potentially cause an abdominal infection. If your pet is licking or chewing at the incision site an E-collar (lamp shade) will need to be worn by your pet so that he is unable to reach the incision.

Please observe the incision site daily. If there is any drainage, swelling, heat or redness, please call us immediately.

Keep the incision dry and clean. Hydrogen peroxide can be used to gently clean the area around the incision.

Please keep your pet confined for 10-14 days. Post-surgical rest is essential for adequate and fast healing. The less he moves, the faster the incision will heal.

The male reproductive hormones take time to clear from the body following the neuter surgery. He should be restricted from females for at least 2 weeks after his surgery, especially those in their heat cycle.