



## Post – Surgical Spay Instructions

Thank you for spaying your pet! Doing so relieves her of a multitude of potential diseases, reduces behavioral problems, prevents pregnancy and birthing complications, and helps reduce the incidence of dangerous encounters with other pets, neighbors, and automobiles. Spaying is also the most responsible step to assist with pet overpopulation. Thanks again!

Please follow these instructions to ensure your pet heals quickly and without complications following her surgery:

- 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 she 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. This includes preventing her from running, jumping, swimming, and playing hard. Vigorous activity too early presents an unnecessary risk for post-operative bleeding and pain. The less she moves, the faster the incision will heal.