

# Post-Surgery Care Instructions (for the next 7-10 days)



## No Licking!

Licking or chewing at the incision can cause infection. If an e-collar is sent home with your pet, keep it on the entire healing period.



## Check the Incision

The small green line is the tattoo indicating your pet is fixed.

What the incision looks like today is normal. Check twice daily for redness, swelling, or discharge.

## Keep Incision Dry

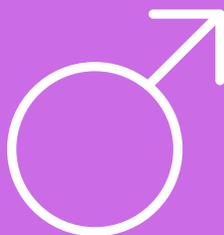
Water can dissolve the surgical glue, exposing the internal sutures & causing infection.



## Separate Animals



Males can still impregnate unaltered females up to 6 weeks post-op. Unaltered males can also injure a recently spayed female.



## Incisions on MALES are left open

They are left open to drain. It is normal to see some discharge and some "oozing".

## No Human Medication!

Human medication can be dangerous and fatal! Do NOT give any medication that is not prescribed by a veterinarian specifically for your pet. Your pet has received a long-lasting pain injection at the time of surgery. If you were sent home with additional medication, give only as directed on the label.



## Restrict Activity

During the healing time, pets should be kept as calm as possible. Dogs should be walked on a leash to prevent running.

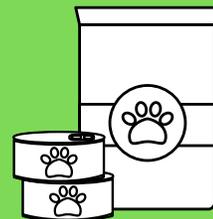


## Food

It is normal for your pet to be nauseous from the anesthesia for up to 24 hours. Do not change their food as it can cause more stomach upset.

## Water

Dogs should be given small amounts of water at a time tonight. Other pets can have their normal amount of water.



## The following symptoms should be addressed IMMEDIATELY:

pale gums; depression/lethargy; persistent vomiting, appetite loss, or diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours post-surgery; heavy discharge or bleeding from incision or vulva; difficulty breathing; difficulty with urination or bowel movements; or significantly decreased water intake



Spay Memphis offers rechecks Tuesday - Friday between 9 am - 2 pm for any post-op complications resulting directly from the spay or neuter surgery. Email [info@spaymemphis.org](mailto:info@spaymemphis.org) or call 901-324-3202 for more information. Your regular veterinarian must address any illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery.

Spay Memphis cannot be held responsible for any animal requiring attention outside of those re-check hours. If there is an emergency when we are closed, the following facilities may be able to see your pet, at your own expense:

- Animal Emergency Center : 901-323-4563 (3667 Summer Avenue)
- Day & Night Animal Hospital: 901-500-7556 (4670 Summer Avenue, has extended hours)

