



POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS – DOG SPAY

YOUR DOG'S CARE AFTER SURGERY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY (EVEN DEATH) TO YOUR DOG

ANESTHESIA WEARS OFF SLOWLY IN SOME DOGS. YOUR DOG MAY APPEAR DRUGGED AND BE EXTRA CLUMSY TONIGHT. FOR TONIGHT, IT IS BEST TO LEAVE YOUR DOG ALONE IF SHE PREFERS.

TONIGHT, KEEP YOUR DOG CONFINED IN A SMALL ROOM WHERE IT IS WARM AND QUIET. A BATHROOM WORKS WELL, BUT REMEMBER TO KEEP THE TOILET LID DOWN. IF YOUR DOG PANICS WHILE ALONE IN THE SMALL ROOM, LET HER STAY WITH YOU, AS LONG AS YOU CAN ENFORCE REST AND AVOID ROUGH PLAY WITH CHILDREN OR OTHER PETS.

YOU MAY OFFER SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD AND WATER, BUT DON'T BE CONCERNED IF YOUR DOG IS NOT INTERESTED FOR THE FIRST 12-24 HOURS. IF YOUR DOG VOMITS, REMOVE FOOD AND WATER FOR 8 HOURS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY COMMON IN FEMALE DOGS. IF YOUR DOG CONTINUES TO REFUSE WATER AFTER 24 HOURS, CAREFULLY FORCE-FEED SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER OR PEDIALYTE.

DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN, TYLENOL, OR OTHER HUMAN PAIN MEDICATIONS TO YOUR DOG. THESE CAN BE DEADLY TO DOGS.

YOUR DOG SHOULD AVOID HIGH PLACES SUCH AS BEDS OR OTHER FURNITURE FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. ALSO, ACTIVITY MUST BE MINIMAL FOR 7-14 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. RUNNING, JUMPING, AND WRESTLING WITH OTHER PETS AND CHILDREN ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INCISION. THE CLINIC WILL REPAIR DAMAGED INCISIONS, BUT THERE WILL BE A CHARGE TO THE OWNER.

KEEP YOUR DOG CLEAN AND DRY FOR 7 DAYS AFTER SURGERY. DISCOURAGE YOUR DOG FROM LICKING THE INCISION. IF YOUR DOG INSISTS ON LICKING, THE CLINIC CAN PROVIDE A COLLAR THAT WILL PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE – THE COST IS \$10.

YOUR DOG HAS BURIED SUTURES, SO SUTURE REMOVAL IS NOT NECESSARY.

FEMALE DOGS MAY TRY TO BREED FOR 2 WEEKS AFTER SURGERY. THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS TO HER – KEEP HER AWAY FROM MALES.

CHECK THE INCISION EACH DAY FOR BLEEDING, DISCHARGE, OR WOUND OPENING. SOME BRUISING, REDNESS AND HARD SWELLING ARE EXPECTED AND ARE NOT CAUSE FOR ALARM. WATCH FOR VAGINAL DISCHARGE FOR 3 WEEKS AFTER SURGERY.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY LOTIONS OR MEDICATIONS ON THE INCISION AREA UNLESS WE HAVE DIRECTED YOU TO DO SO.

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR DOG IS HAVING COMPLICATIONS, PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING TO THE CLINIC. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WE HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN ANIMAL EMERGENCY SERVICE; THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS 326-7449. PLEASE BE AWARE YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EXPENSES.