

E-collars (also known as Elizabethan Collars)

E-collars are used to prevent licking/chewing of the incision site. It is natural for pets to lick their wounds but this can delay healing and result in infection. It is important that a protective collar is used, especially when the cat or dog is unattended and could inadvertently injure itself.

-Pet appears upset & bangs it into objects

Most pets will get used to the collar in a few hours. Ease the transition by keeping them in a confined space with no moveable objects such as stools, chairs and tables which would move if bumped into.

-Eating & drinking

A correctly sized/adjusted collar should allow for normal eating/drinking. If your pet normally eats/drinks from a deep bowl but refuses to eat, try offering food in shallow dish or plate. If you must remove the collar, make sure pet is supervised until it is replaced as soon as the meal is finished.

-Special care the collar requires

It is important that both sides are kept clean. It is difficult to do this while your pet is wearing the collar. Remove/clean the collar but make sure your pet is fully supervised so that it does not injure itself.

-How long does my pet have to keep the collar on?

The collar should stay on 7- 10 days while healing from surgery.

-Where Can I get One?

We offer them at a cost of \$10.

