



Spay and Neuter Post-Operative Care Instructions

Your pet will be a little drowsy from the anesthesia for the remainder of the evening.

When you return home:

- Adult pet: Restrict food intake to avoid stomach upset. Do not offer adult pets any food for the first 2 to 3 hours. Then offer food in very small amounts (1/4-1/2 normal amount) for the first 12 hours, but do not be concerned if your pet does not want to eat right away. Remove food until morning if vomiting occurs. Offer normal amounts of water, but do not allow them to drink a large amount at once as this may cause vomiting.
- ***Kittens and puppies*** can be offered food and water upon returning home.
- Confine pets in an area away from other pets and children for 24 hours. Do **NOT** place them in a high place (bed, sofa, etc). Monitor him or her around steps as (s)he may stumble and fall. Rest and sleep are essential for healing.
- If pain medication has been prescribed, please follow the written instructions carefully. Do **NOT** give aspirin, Advil (ibuprofen) or Tylenol (acetaminophen) to your pet for pain relief. ***These medications can be deadly to pets.***
- A small amount of dried blood around the incision is normal immediately after surgery. Stitches should not be visible as they are buried and will be absorbed over time. All pets will have a small green tattoo in the shape of a line near the incision site.
- Occasionally, the tube placed in your pet's windpipe (trachea) during surgery can cause some minor irritation resulting in post-surgical gagging or coughing. If these symptoms last more than a few days, please consult a veterinarian. If your pet has any difficulty breathing please seek veterinary care immediately.
- Do **NOT** allow your pet to lick the incision. We recommend use of an E-collar to prevent licking. Please note that repairing any self-inflicted damage to the incision site will be at the owner's expense.
- Your pet has had eye ointment put in its eyes for protection during surgery. This may make the eyes look glazed or weepy. The ointment will absorb naturally, so do not remove.

For the next week:

- Keep your pet indoor in a clean environment that is quiet, warm, and dry..
- Restrict your pet's activity for 7-10 days. Take dogs outside only on a leash and discourage running, jumping or rough play.
- ***Check your pet's incision daily.*** A small amount of redness and swelling is normal. Contact your veterinarian if you notice any discharge or heat at the incision site.
- ***Do not*** wash or clean the incision. ***Do not bathe or get your pet wet for 7 days.***
- Keep males and females separated. They may try to breed for several weeks after surgery, and neutered males can be fertile for up to six weeks after surgery. Spayed female dogs that were in heat can continue to have bloody discharge for a few days after surgery.

Post operative concerns:

Contact a veterinarian if your pet exhibits the following symptoms:

- Your pet is unable to stand or walk 12 hours after surgery.
- Your pet is not eating or drinking 24 hours after surgery.
- There is significant swelling or bleeding at the incision site. A firm, small swelling under the skin is a normal inflammatory response to surgery and will get smaller over several weeks. A lump that is soft or accompanied by fever or lethargy should be seen by a veterinarian.
- Significant discomfort or lethargy 48 hours after surgery.

After Hours Emergency Care in Your Area

Owners are responsible for fees associated with using these services.

Athens County

Abfall Vet Services 71 S Plains Rd The Plains 740-797-3344
Allen Pet Clinic 6 Johnson Rd The Plains 740-797-4755
Athens Vet Clinic 16 Pomeroy Rd Athens 740-593-8544
Kroner Animal Care 6301 Ervin Rd Athens 740-592-1982
Parkersburg ER Care 304-428-8387

Champaign County

Urbana Vet Clinic 985 Norwood Ave Urbana 937-653-7326
Wingfield Animal Clinic 371 N Dugan Ave 937-653-6712

Fairfield County

Diley Hill 9695 Basil Western Rd Canal Wnchster 614-829-6444
Canal An Clinic 1600 Washington St Canal Wnchster 614-834-8385
Creature Comforts 1987 W Fair Ave Lancaster 740-689-2282
Masterson Vet Clinic 300 N Dr Somerset (Perry Co) 740-743-1426

Franklin County (Columbus Area)

Capital Vet ER Service 5230 Renner Rd Columbus 614-870-0480
OSU Vet Hospital 601 Vernon Tharp St Columbus 614-292-3551
OSU Dublin 5020 Bradenton Ave Dublin 614-889-8070
Medvet 300 E Wilson Bridge Rd Worthington 614-846-5800
Diley Hill 9695 Basil Western Rd Canal Wnchster 614-829-6444

Hocking County

Abfall Vet Service 71 South Plains Rd The Plains 740-797-3344

Jackson County

Animals Unlimited Clinic 629 Mt Zion Rd Jackson 740-286-8035

Logan County

N Side Animal Clinic 1770 US Rt 68 N Bellefontaine 937-593-6951
Irwin Animal Hospital 624 Ludlow Rd Bellefontaine 937-592-3886
Southgate Vet Clinic 3142 US 68 S Bellefontaine 937-592-9816
W Central Vet ER Service 3077 Harding Hwy Lima 419-221-0274

Miami County

StonyRidge Vet Clinic 500 Stonyridge Ave Troy 937-335-6999
Dayton Emergency Vet Clinic 2714 Springboro W 937-293-2714
Dayton Care Center 6425 Clio Rd Centerville 937-428-0911
Oakview Vet Hospital Piqua W Brown Rd Piqua 937-773-9800
Flinn Vet Clinic 2240 Wapakoneta Ave Sidney 937-492-3422
Troy Animal Hospital 34 South Weston Dr Troy 937-335-8387
Tipp City Wellness Hospital 4900 S County Rd 937-667-8489

Morgan County

Wolf Creek Animal Care in Dale 740-749-3132
Morgan Veterinary Services McConnelsville 740-962-2665

Pickaway County

Maplewood Clinic 4044 Sulphur Spring Rd 740-642-2294
Hudson Corner Animal Hospital 740-983-0091
Brookhill Animal Clinic 740-474-8569
Circleville Veterinary Clinic 740-474-3295

Pike County

Chillicothe Clinic 1100 Eastern Ave Chillicothe 740-773-4133
Diley Hill 9695 Basil Western Rd (S Columbus) 614-829-6444
OSU 601 Vernon Tharp St Columbus 614-292-3551

Ross County

Chillicothe Clinic 1100 E Ave 740-773-4133
Animal Health Care Clinic 391 Marietta Rd 740-775-7297
Town/Country Clinic 1008 E Main St Ste 2 740-774-4838
Kingston Vet Clinic 30258 SR 159 740-642-3031
Maplewood An Clinic 4044 Sulphur Spring Rd 740-642-2294

Shelby County

Community Vet 1200 W Russell Rd Sidney 937-492-6106
Dr Flinn 2240 Wapakoneta Ave Sidney 937-492-3422
Tri County Vet 16200 County Rd 25 A Anna 937-693-2131
Oakview Vet 3773 W Brown Rd Piqua 937-773-9800

Union County

Marysville Animal Care 17800 OH-31, 937-644-8121
Woodside Vet 17823 OH-31 Marysville 937-642-3111
Rascal Hospital 5830 Britton Pkwy Dublin 614-791-7620