

National Spay Alliance Foundation
Discharge Instructions

Your pet may be groggy after surgery. It can take 24-48 hours for animals to process the anesthesia. Keep them separated from other animals and away from stairs and open water containers for the first night. For kitties, we recommend putting them in a bathroom overnight with a comfy bed and access to food, water, and a litter box. Please keep the area quiet and dark.

Pet must remain in a comfortable room temperature environment for the first 24 hours. Do not expose them to extreme heat or cold. Do not leave them outside.

Offer food and water tonight. Your animal may not be interested in food tonight. If your pet has pain medication, please give the first dosing tonight before bedtime with a small treat unless otherwise indicated on the bottle. If your pet does not eat this evening, please do not begin the pain medication until the morning, otherwise it may upset their stomach. Resume normal diet tomorrow. Kitties receive an injection of pain medication that lasts for 24 hours. Most kitties do not need more than this. If you are concerned, please let us know and we can provide oral pain medicine for additional days.

Keep the incision area dry for the next 10 days. No bathing or swimming. Restrict activity (no running, jumping or playing with other pets) for 7 days. Do not confine your pet by a chain or rope for 7 days - pulling or jumping may cause damage to the incision site.

Sutures are absorbable and there is no follow up appointment required. Monitor the incision site once daily for 7 days. Redness, swelling or irritations are signs the pet has been licking or overexerting themselves. They may require antibiotics if this happens. It is highly recommended that animals wear a plastic cone to prevent licking for 7 days. Please be sure to purchase one that is longer than the pet's nose. You can also purchase Bitter Apple to spray on the incision area.

For Cats:

For kitties, we recommend that you do not handle your cat this evening or reach into the carrier. They can be disoriented and may strike out. Minimal interaction is best - open cage door and allow him to come out on his own. Have access to food, water & litter available. Male cats do not have sutures; females do and they are absorbable as mentioned above. If you are caring for a feral cat, please supervise for 2-3 days to ensure cat is safe to be released and that the sedation has fully worn off. Please do not release him tonight. **The pain medication for cats is injectable. You will **not** go home with pills.**

ALL ANIMALS ARE TATTOOED WITH A SINGLE GREEN LINE TO INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ALTERED. DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING SUCH AS NEOSPORIN ON THE INCISION. THIS WILL JUST CAUSE THEM TO WANT TO LICK IT OFF.

If you have any concerns or questions about the recovery of your pet from surgery, please contact us first at 706-370-7594. Please allow one full business day for a return call. Please note that we are not financially responsible for aftercare not authorized through us.

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In case of emergency, the closest after-hour clinic is The R.I.V.E.R located in Chattanooga. 423-698-4612