

Post-operative care after a bitch spay

After admission your pet was given a pre-med to relax her prior to preparation for surgery, which consist of shaving a wide area and thoroughly cleansing the operation site and surrounding skin. There may or may not be a clip mark on a foreleg where drugs were given intravenously.

Your pet has had major abdominal surgery to perform an ovario-hysterectomy or spay. This is the complete removal of ovaries and womb, or uterus. She has an incision on the middle of her abdomen which is sutured.

She has had a general anaesthetic using a “Gold Standard” of Propofol by Injection followed by Isoflurane Gas in Oxygen. This is a very safe combination and means a gentle recovery with much less nausea. She has been monitored constantly by a nurse until her recovery is complete.

Your pet should have light food – eggs – fish or chicken with pasta or rice for the first 234 hours with small, regular drinks of water. A convenient post-op recovery food is available from us for a small cost.

Your pet should be kept at room temperature, shivering does not mean she is cold. Being too hot will cause panting which could cause pain. She has had pain killers today and you will have a course of tablets to start tomorrow, for 2 more days.

Sutures (stitches) must be removed in 10 days time at no charge. Your pet should not be allowed to be overactive. Keep on a lead at all times and take care in your garden. Prevent your dog from licking the wound by covering if necessary with a t-shirt or similar. Specialised collars are available if required for a small cost.

After most routine operations patients heal uneventfully and no further charges are to be expected. However, complications of wound healing can arise and further necessary medications would be chargeable.

If the wound becomes weepy or swollen, your pets will need to be seen at a Parkside Surgery. If you have any doubts, please phone for advice.



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