

Post-operative care of the spayed cat

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 are given intravenously.

Your pet has had a major abdominal surgery to perform an ovario-hysterectomy or spay, where both the ovaries and womb have been removed.

She has an incision on her flank, though this may be midline if we advised it. This wound is sutured with absorbable sutures which do not necessitate removal.

She has been monitored constantly by a nurse until her recovery was complete.

You pet should have a small amount of light food like fish or chicken for the first 24 hours and offer small amounts of water frequently. A convenient post-op recovery food is available from us for a small cost. If vomiting is persistent, then phone us for advice.

If the wound becomes swollen or weepy, please telephone for advice. Take steps to prevent licking if persistent. Special collars are available from us for a small cost. There is usually no further cost, but if medicines are needed then there will be a further charge.

It is most important that when abdominal operations are performed the patient is kept as quiet as possible. We recommend that you keep you pet indoors for at least one week – if possible!



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