

Providence Animal Center Post-Operative Care Instructions

Your pet will either:

- Have skin sutures (aka stitches). Please have them removed in 10-14 days. You may bring your pet back to Providence Animal Center to do so.
- Does not have sutures because they are present under the skin. You may feel small bumps underneath the incision, which is normal within a week or so. They will dissolve on their own within 6-8 weeks.

Your pet should not get bathed or be involved in any water activity for 7-10 days. Pets must be kept indoors where they can be monitored, dry and clean.

A small amount of food may be offered to your pet the night after surgery and water may be given. The animal may not want to eat the night of the surgery, which is normal. His/her appetite should return within 24 hours after surgery.

If your pet vomits, do not allow him/her to eat for 12 hours. If vomiting continues, contact your local vet or an emergency vet if the condition seems urgent. A list of emergency vets that we recommend can be found on our low-cost vet care page: www.providenceac.org.

Restrict any activity such as stair use, running around the yard or actively playing with other animals for 7-10 days. Dogs should be walked on leashes.

If you notice any redness, swelling or discharge from the incision, please call at 610-566-1370 x3, explain the situation and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Redness, swelling or discharge may be a result from your animal licking at the incision. If the animal is licking at the incision, you may want to purchase a plastic E-Collar from us to prevent this from happening.

You may notice your animal has a green “tattoo” next to the incision, which is our policy. **ALL ANIMALS WILL RECEIVE ONE AT TIME OF SURGERY**, no exceptions. Note, this is not a second incision; it is simply a mark to make anyone aware that this animal is spayed or neutered.



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