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Neuter Post-Op Instructions

YOUR PET DEPENDS ON YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY!

No matter where the incision is – if your pet can lick it, chew it, scratch it, rub it or otherwise mess with it – IT WILL NOT HEAL PROPERLY.

And YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST TO FIX IT. SO...

- Your pet has been neutered. In scrotal neuters, an incision was made in the scrotum and may be left open to encourage draining. This is done to help reduce the instance of hematomas. Some neuters require sutures – it depends on the size and age of the pet.
- Your pet must wear an e-collar for the next two weeks. Failure to wear the e-collar may result in surgery failure or the incision opening. If this happens, corrective surgery may need to be done at your cost.
- No baths for two weeks after surgery.
- Keep your animal calm. No running, jumping or rough play for two weeks. Leash walk dogs.
- Do not put any ointment, peroxide or medicine on the surgical site unless it was prescribed by the vet.
- Do not wrap the incision. Wraps can promote bacterial growth and cause an infection.
- Your pet may be nauseous from the anesthesia. They may not want to eat for the first day. Please offer water and small amounts of food for the first two days after surgery.
- Your pet had a tracheal tube placed during surgery. This may cause some irritation to the trachea. They may develop a cough for a few days.
- Please give all medications as indicated. Failure to do so may result in a failed surgery due to infection and dehiscence. Additional medications that may be needed are at the owner's expense.
- The night of surgery, your animal may be disoriented from the anesthesia. Please keep children and other pets away.
- Cats should be left in a small, dark room overnight to recuperate. Just open the carrier door and let them come out on their own.

OBSERVE YOUR PET FOR...

- Loss of appetite for more than two (2) days or refusal to drink water for more than one (1) day
- Severe depression or weakness
- Discharge or foul odor coming from incision
- Unusual bleeding
- Difficulty urinating or defecating

If you have concerns about your pet's condition or incision, call Planned Pethood. We will do a recheck at no charge for surgery related problems. If you elect to go elsewhere, we are not responsible for any costs you may incur. For LIFE THREATENING emergencies during non-business hours, call an emergency clinic. Please note that Planned Pethood is not affiliated with any emergency clinic and any charges incurred are the client's responsibility.

Please note that most post operative complications are a direct result of incorrect post operative care. **Pet owners will be responsible for the cost to repair and redo surgical incisions.** If you have ANY questions, please feel free to call or email Planned Pethood at info@plannedpethood.com.