



DOG/CAT Discharge Directions for Customers Surgery Line (361) 236-5604

1. Feral/Community cats should be kept quiet overnight and can be released the following day. If the feral/community cat was pregnant, it is recommended that you hold her for a few extra days (up to 72 hours) after surgery.
2. For all other pets, restrict activity for 10 days. No running, no jumping and no bathing. E-collar can come off after 7 days. If your pet is too active, it can cause swelling. Male cats restrict activity for 7 days.
3. Male cats do not have sutures. They have an open castration. For other pets, the sutures are internal and dissolvable. The pet does not need to come back for suture removal unless staples were used and you are specifically directed to do so at discharge.
4. ****Check the gauze on the e-collar by putting 2 fingers underneath to make sure it is not too tight.**
5. If your pet is not eating by the next morning, give cats some wet food and dogs some low sodium, no MSG chicken broth to get them to eat. Keep your pet warm tonight and isolated from other pets. Animals may sometimes not defecate (poop) for 2-3 days after surgery. This is not uncommon.
6. Do **NOT** give pain medication if your pet is not eating or if your pet is vomiting. They were given a pain injection today that is good for 24 hours. DO NOT give any human medication to your pet, as most medications are toxic and can make pets very sick, and possibly be fatal to your pet.
7. Check the incision site when you get home to see what it should look like and check the incision site daily to make sure it is clean and dry. **DO NOT PUT ANYTHING ON INCISION!** It is not uncommon for the incision site to have slight redness, mild swelling, or feel slightly irregular or bumpy while healing. Please call if the incision site has any drainage, pain, large area of redness or swelling. Support the rear end of your pet if lifted or picked up, do not pick female animals up by the stomach.
8. A small tattoo has been applied to your pet at the time of surgery. It is generally located near the incision site except in male cats where it is located on the stomach to identify that they have been sterilized.
9. If you have questions or concerns, call/text the surgery line number listed above as they are the only ones that can answer questions after surgery. Do not show up at the clinic. You must call the surgery line. If something happens to your pet due to not following instructions, you will have to seek medical care at your expense. The recheck fee is \$10 at our clinic plus any additional treatments and/or medications that may be recommended. **We do not have someone on call 24/7 so if you have an emergency, you will need to seek medical assistance with an emergency veterinary clinic at your own expense. If you do call the surgery line, it is imperative that you leave a message or you can text for a faster response. Remember, it is not a 24/7 line.**

For more detailed post operative surgery instructions, please visit <https://www.ccpaac.org/spay-neuter-corpus-christi/>.