



## Alabama Animal Alliance, Spay/Neuter Clinic

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### Post Operative Instructions

Your pet(s) will be given pain medicine **during and after** their surgical procedure. Please **DO NOT give your pet(s) any type of additional medicine unless instructed to do so by our clinic.**

1. The recovery period for your pet(s) is approximately 7 – 10 days. Please keep your pet(s) confined (preferably inside) and do NOT allow them to get wet, run, jump, or do any other strenuous activity for 10 days. *All cats MUST be kept in their carriers until 7:00 p.m. this evening. All dogs MUST be walked on a leash during the recovery period.*
2. The incision site should be checked twice daily. Please contact us if you see excessive redness, swelling, or drainage around the incision. Unless instructed otherwise, the stitches will dissolve on their own within 6 months following the surgery. You may, however, bring your pet(s) to our clinic for a free post-operative exam 7 – 10 days after the surgery. Post-operative exams are FREE and are given between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
3. **DO NOT allow your pet(s) to lick or chew at their incision site.** If this happens, an Elizabethan or 'E-collar' is recommended for dogs. For cats we recommend a spray deterrent such as "Bitter Yuck" or "Bitter Apple" be applied immediately to prevent licking. These items can be purchased from us, your veterinarian, or from most pet stores.
4. If your female pet was in heat at the time of surgery, you ***must keep them away from un-neutered males for at least two weeks.*** While they are unable to become pregnant, they will still attract intact males.
5. Please offer your pet(s) their normal food and water this evening. Do not be concerned if your pet does not want to eat the evening of their surgery. Do NOT offer treats that your pet does not receive on a daily basis or change the brand of your pet'(s) food for at least seven (7) days following surgery.
6. Small breed dogs may shake, shiver, and whimper the night of their surgery. This is due to the anesthesia still in their system. This is ***normal*** and will subside within 24 hours following surgery.
7. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days following surgery, which is normal due to the breathing tubes used during surgery.
8. Your pet(s) received a green tattoo which is to identify them as having been spayed or neutered.
9. Please continue to take your pet(s) to their veterinarians for all vaccinations and treatments on an as-needed or annual basis.

#### The Importance of Vaccinations

Vaccinations are vital to an animal's health. Our veterinarians recommend that all pets be vaccinated against all transmittable diseases on a regular basis. Adult animals should be vaccinated every year. Puppies should be vaccinated initially at 6 weeks of age and then every 3 weeks until the puppy is approximately 15 weeks of age to provide the widest range of protection against Parvo, Distemper and Bordetella. Kittens should be vaccinated against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia (FVRCP) and Leukemia between 6-8 weeks of age and then every 3 weeks until the kittens are approximately 15 weeks of age. It is always best to consult with your regular full-service veterinarian to ensure that your pets stay current on all vaccinations. If you do not have a regular full-service veterinarian, we can provide a recommendation.

Our office is open Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Should you have any questions or concerns outside of these hours that cannot wait, please call our emergency phone at (334) 202-4064. Messages left after 10:00 p.m. will be returned the following morning.

Please note that we consider your pet(s) to be our patient(s) until the spay/neuter healing process has occurred. We ask that you contact us at (334) 239-7387 should you have any reason to believe that your pet(s) need(s) additional care during this time period.

**THANK YOU FOR HAVING YOUR PET SPAYED/NEUTERED**

**SPAY/NEUTER....it is THE alternative to unnecessary euthanasia**