



## POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- You must restrict the Animal's activity for the next ten days to allow the tissue time to heal, & avoid causing the incision to open. Cats should stay indoors. All dogs should go out on a leash to urinate/defecate & then return inside to rest.
- Keep the incision site dry; do not bathe or apply topical ointment during the recovery period.
- Keep males away from unspayed females for 30 days. Keep females away from unneutered males for seven days. Be prepared to keep pets separate during the recovery period.
- Check the incision site twice daily. They should have no drainage; redness & swelling should be minimal.
- Too much activity causes increased drainage, so activity restriction is very important.
- Do not allow the Animal to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar(cone) MUST be applied to prevent additional licking/chewing that could cause infection.
- Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Do not change the Animal's diet at this time, & do not give them junk food, table scraps, milk, or any other people food during the recovery period. Feeding them their regular diet will help avoid gastro-intestinal upset.
- Minimal redness & swelling of the surgery site should resolve within several days, but if they persist longer, please call our office at (807) 475-8803.
- You should also contact us immediately if you notice any of the following: pale gums; depression; unsteady gait; loss of appetite or decreased water intake; vomiting; diarrhea; discharge or bleeding from the incision; difficulty urinating or defecating; labored breathing.
- Do not give human medication to the Animal. It is dangerous & can be fatal.
- If the Animal received a vaccine at our clinic other than rabies, please discuss a "booster" vaccine with your regular veterinarian. Canine distemper/parvo vaccine & feline distemper vaccine all need to be "boostered" three to four weeks after administration of the first vaccine for maximum effectiveness.

-We will make every reasonable effort to treat at OUR CLINIC, at minimal cost, any post-operative complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-operative instructions are followed in full. Your regular veterinarian must address illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery.

Please call for an appointment as soon as you see any cause for concern at (807) 475-8803.