

Surgery Discharge Instructions

Instructions after a SPAY:

Monitoring:

1. Please check the incision daily for signs of redness, swelling, discharge, or missing sutures.
2. If you pet stops eating, vomits, or becomes lethargic, please call BVH at 301-698-3330.
3. If you notice your pet licking or chewing the incision, please contact BVH for an Elizabethan collar.
4. Your pet may not swim or be bathed for 14 days or until the sutures are removed.
5. If skin sutures have been placed, please make an appointment in 10-14 days to have these removed.

Exercise:

1. For the first week after surgery, your pet should not run, jump, or play with other animals. Dogs should be walked on a leash.
2. After 10-14 days, your pet may return to normal activity.

Pain Medication: If the doctor has prescribed pain medication for your pet, please give according to label directions.

Instructions after a NEUTER:

Monitoring:

1. Your pet may still be a little sleepy tonight. Please keep them inside, and feed them just half of their usual amount of food. Keep them away from stairs unless they are supervised.
2. Please check the incision and scrotum daily for signs of redness, swelling, discharge, or missing sutures.
3. If you pet stops eating, vomits, or becomes lethargic, please call BVH at 301-698-3330.
4. If you notice your pet licking or chewing the incision, please contact BVH for an Elizabethan collar.
5. Your pet may not swim or be bathed for 14 days or until the sutures are removed.
6. If skin sutures have been placed, please make an appointment in 10-14 days to have these removed.

Exercise:

1. Your pet may run and jump, but should not play roughly with other animals for 10-14 days.
2. Encourage exercise after day 2 at home to reduce scrotal swelling

Pain Medication: If the doctor has prescribed pain medication for your pet, please give according to label directions.

Instructions after a DECLAW:

Monitoring:

1. For the first 1-2 days, please watch carefully for any bleeding from the paws.
2. Please check the paws daily for any swelling or discharge. Your cat may be a little tender on its front feet for a few days, but if they will not bear weight on them, please call us.
3. If you pet stops eating, vomits, or becomes lethargic, please call BVH at 301-698-3330.
4. Please use Yesterdays News cat litter for the next 2 weeks to give the paws time to heal (NO clay or clumping litter!).

Exercise:

1. Please contain your cat to a small area or room for the first 2-3 days.
2. Do not allow your cat to jump on and off furniture or play roughly during healing.

Pain Medication: If the doctor has prescribed pain medication for your pet, please give according to label directions.