

Terrace Road Veterinary Hospital

Sterilization Discharge Instructions

Your pet has been sterilized today. Please read the instructions below carefully in order to care for him/her correctly and prevent any complications during the healing process.

1. It is normal for your pet to be sleepy following the procedure.
2. It is normal for your pet to turn down food or be slightly nauseous the evening discharge. Some pets may even vomit once or twice.
3. Females should be kept quiet for at least 24 hours after the procedure to assist the internal sutures to heal.
4. Please give the pain killer when you arrive home on the evening of discharge. This lessens interference with the stitches by your pet, reduces swelling and inflammation after the surgery and speeds up healing.
5. **Stitches to be removed 10 to 14 days after the surgery. ← NB**
6. Male cats do not have any stitches to be removed.
7. It is normal for some females to have a slight bump on the stitch area. As long as it does not ooze any fluid or look infected, it is ok. This is just scar tissue that will disappear after a few weeks.
8. It is normal for some males to have some swelling of the testicles. Just prevent your pet from licking the area too much.
9. Male cats should not have any swelling of the testicles after 48 hours.
10. Most pets will lick their stitches to some degree. This is ok as long as they do not pull out any stitches or damage the wound area.
11. If your pet is licking the wound area excessively, he/she might need a buster collar. You can pick one up from us. The collar is for the clients account.
12. Any animals on HEAT, must be kept away from intact/non-intact MALE animals as mounting of the post surgical patient will cause internal damage and even death.
13. If your pet has pulled out any stitches, cover the area with a plaster and bring your pet in to the vet in the morning. Do not leave the plaster on longer than 24 hours.
14. If any tissue is hanging out of your females wound after she has pulled out her stitches, contact the vet immediately.
15. If any stitches have been pulled out, your pet will need to be sedated, the wound cleaned and re-stitched. Your pet will be fitted with a buster collar to prevent him/her from removing the stitches again. This is for the clients account.

Thank you

The Terrace Road Veterinary Hospital wishes your pet a speedy recovery ! 😊