



Post-Surgical Care Sheet

Congratulations on your adoption! Your new furry friend was altered on _____.

Please read the following instructions:

1. We HIGHLY recommend purchasing an e-collar for your pet to prevent licking or chewing at the incision. E-collars should be worn for 14 days following surgery.
2. Do NOT apply anything to the incision or bathe your pet for 10-14 days following surgery.
3. Do NOT allow your pet to run, jump, play, swim or do any other strenuous activity for 14 days after surgery. If necessary, keep your pet confined to a small area or kennel to prevent over activity. Pets should be leash walked only during this time.
4. Keep your pet's incision site clean and dry during the 10-14-day healing period. Check the incision site twice daily during this time to make sure it is healing well. A healing incision may be slightly swollen and red/pink in color – this is normal.

If you notice any of the following, please call us at (858) 756-4117 Ext. 1 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.:

1. Excessive redness or swelling at the incision.
2. Pus or bright red blood oozing from the incision.
3. Incision is hot to the touch or excessively painful.

These are signs of infection and usually occur due to your pet licking at his or her incision. We would be happy to schedule a re-check if this is the case.

I understand that I am responsible for monitoring my new pet's incision and following surgical aftercare instructions.

Adopter Signature: _____ Date: _____