



Spay/neuter post-surgical care and recovery instructions

The first 24 hours post-surgery

- Allow your pet to recover in a quiet, safe place indoors.
- Your pet may be tired, nauseous, cold, or irritable after the surgery. This is not unexpected and should continue to slowly improve after the surgery.
- Offer small amounts of the food they eat regularly and water in the evening after the surgery. Your pet may feel nauseous, and it can take up to 48 hours for their appetite to return to normal.
- Your pet received a small green tattoo to indicate surgery was done.

The 10-14 days following surgery

- Supervise your pet and avoid running, jumping, or excessive playing for the next 7-10 days. Exercise can cause swelling and complications at the incision site.
- Keep the incision dry. No bathing or swimming.
- Check the incision twice daily until healed. (Some redness and swelling of the incision is expected and normal.)
- If your pet is licking the incision site enough to cause any redness or swelling, you will need to purchase an Elizabethan collar (E-collar or cone). Excessive licking can cause the incision to open.
- Male dogs and cats can still impregnate an unsterilized female up to one month after surgery. Please keep a close eye on your pet.

Follow up

The sutures used were dissolvable and do not need to be removed.

If you feel as though there are problems with the incision or your pet does not slowly continue to improve post-operatively, call us at (405) 292-9736, text (405) 845-7330 or email Lauren.medford@normanok.gov.

Medication: ☐ None needed ☐ Begin tonight ☐ Begin tomorrow morning



Your pet's visit to Norman Animal Welfare included:

☐ Feline distemper/panleukopenia vaccination. If this was the first time your cat received this vaccination, we recommend a booster in 3 weeks. After your cat has had it a booster it will be due annually.

☐ Canine distemper/parvovirus vaccination

Booster due _____

☐ Rabies vaccination. This vaccination is usually done annually.

Booster due _____

Your pet was too young for a rabies vaccination. It will be due _____

☐ Flea and tick preventative.

Next dose is due _____

☐ Microchipping. Wait 48 hours and call (888) 466-3242 to speak to a Home Again representative about accessing your pet's information. Your pet will already be registered but you can confirm the information and get a password to access your pet's microchip information online.



****If you move or your phone number changes you will need to update the information with Home Again.**

Also recommended:

- Dogs should be on heartworm preventative all year. Dogs over 6 months old will require a heartworm test by your veterinarian.
- You may also want to speak to your regular veterinarian about vaccinating your dog for Bordetella and/or Leptospirosis. If you would like more information on heartworms, Bordetella, or Leptospirosis it can be found at Petplace.com.

