

Care of your Pet After Speying

Your pet has been spayed through an incision in her abdomen. This procedure involves internal surgery and therefore needs care for some time after the event. Unfortunately our pets do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with her recovery.

Immediately After

When you pick your pet up from our hospital she may be a little drowsy. This is quite normal following an anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12 – 24 hours. There will be some bruising, the same as humans, so she should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days. Keep her in a quiet, warm place and give only small amounts to eat and drink. She will be back to normal in a couple of days.

Take care

Most animals have recovered fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that your pet may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything that she normally does which may cause damage to the wound. Please try to keep her as quiet as possible until the sutures are removed.

Problems

Generally there are very few complications after the operation, however, there are some signs to watch for that may indicate a problem.

1. Dull and listless (especially after the first 24 hours)
2. Red or irritated around the suture line
3. Swelling or lumpiness around suture

If you notice any of these signs please do not hesitate to call us.

Note: Your pet will need her sutures taken out in 10 – 14 days so please arrange an appointment.