

Spay (Ovariohysterectomy)

General Information

Your pet has just undergone surgery to remove her reproductive tract (the ovaries and uterus). Although this is a very common procedure it is considered major surgery and she will require some special attention over the next few days.

Due to the effects of the anesthetic, your pet may be sleepy for 24-48 hours and may not have a bowel movement for 2-3 days. Most animals return to "normal" within about 3 days.

Important Points To Remember

1. Keep your pet in a warm quiet environment for the next 24 hours. She may be disoriented so allow her outside only for short periods of time and only under close supervision.
2. Feed her lightly (about 1/2 normal amount) the first morning home. Limit water to small amounts at a time.
3. Restrict your dog's exercise for 7 days (no excessive jumping or romping).
4. Observe the incision daily, looking for unusual swelling or discharge. If your pet licks or bites at the surgery site excessively we will provide you with a low-cost collar to prevent her from damaging the incision.
5. Her sutures will need to be removed in 10-14 days. Please call the clinic before stopping by for the suture removal.



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