

Aftercare - Dog Spey

Your dog has been spayed today through an incision in her abdomen. This procedure involves internal surgery therefore she needs specific care for the next 7-14 days. She may not understand that she must rest, so we need you to assist her with this by keeping her as quiet as possible.

Immediately after

When you pick her up from the clinic she may be a little drowsy. This is normal following anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12-24 hours. There may be some bruising and she may be sore around her tummy.

Tonight, keep her in a quiet, warm and safe place. Offer her plenty of water and a small amount of food when she gets home. Her appetite should be back to normal tomorrow morning.

Heavily restrict her activity for the next 48 hrs. No unsupervised yard time, no running around the house. Use a crate if you have one, or keep her in a single room, with toilet breaks on a leash.

Take care

Your dog should be recovered within 14 days. She has been given pain relief in the clinic, as well as take-home pain relief. Please follow all instructions for her medication, and please ensure her cone is kept on at all times for the next week at minimum. All efforts should be taken to prevent post-operative issues; re-anesthetizing post-operative patients for re-suture carries inherent risk. Restrict your pet's activity for 14 days after surgery - walk on a leash ONLY, no running or jumping. Keep the surgery site dry for at least 7 days after surgery - no baths, no washing, no swimming. Your pet DOES NOT need stitch removal, however we would like to see your pet 7 days after surgery for a free recheck.

Problems

Usually there are no complications after surgery, however there are some signs to watch out for that may indicate a problem.

- Not eating after the first 24hrs
- Dull or Listless after the first 24hrs
- Excessive redness, irritation or discharge at the surgery site
- Chewing at the surgery site
- Wound looking open/bleeding profusely

If you notice any of these signs or are concerned, please contact us at meowandfriendsvet@gmail.com or on Facebook messenger.

Females that were in heat when spayed may try to breed for up to 10 days after surgery. Do not allow a female to mate after surgery; it can be life threatening to the pet.

If you feel you need EMERGENCY help, please go to the nearest animal emergency center.

Veterinary Referral Hospital 36 Lonsdale St, Dandenong VIC 3175 ☎ 1300 385 874	Casey Pet Emergency 4/471 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren VIC 3805 ☎ (03) 8790 1625
Peninsula Vet Emergency & Referral Hospital Factory 2/161 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Mornington VIC 3931 ☎ (03) 5979 9600	Animal Emergency Centre - Frankston 39 McMahons Rd, Frankston VIC 3199 ☎ (03) 9770 5555

If you seek emergency medical care, please note that Meow and Friends are not financially responsible.