

Humane Society of Ventura County

POST-SURGICAL CARE FOR YOUR DOG

ACTIVITY

No running, jumping or rough play and no swimming or bathing for 14 days. You may take your dog on short leash walks several times a day. Male dogs, especially large breeds may experience painful swelling of the scrotum if they are too active. If swelling is noted, we may recommend applying a cold compress to the area for 10 minutes up to every 4 hours until swelling has gone down.

PAIN MEDICATION

If your pet was given post-op pain medication, start your pet's pain medication the day AFTER surgery, then follow label directions. The pain medication should be given around the same time each day and only **once** a day. We recommend giving the medication with a meal to prevent stomach upset.

DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL PAIN MEDICATION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A VETERINARIAN. MANY HUMAN PAIN MEDICATIONS CAN BE TOXIC TO DOGS ESPECIALLY IF COMBINED WITH THESE MEDICATIONS.

FOOD AND WATER

Give a small amount of food (1/4 to 1/2 of their normal amount) and water to your pet when you get home. Do not let your dog gulp large amounts of water or eat too much food. If your pet vomits, wait 4 hours before feeding again, but offer small amounts of water. Watch for bloat in large breed dogs.

SURGERY SITE

Check your pet's incision once a day. If it appears red, painful, oozing or swollen, please call the clinic during business hours or the emergency clinic if necessary. No suture removal is needed. Mild bruising may be present immediately post-op. A Cold compress applied to the area for 5-10 minutes 3-4 times a day will help reduce the inflammation. Use a cold gel pack, bag of ice cubes or frozen vegetables (peas or corn work best) wrapped in a towel. Do not get incision wet and do not persist if your pet finds this too uncomfortable.

YOU'RE PET HAS BEEN GIVEN A NO-LICK COLLAR (aka E-Collar) TO PREVENT IT FROM LICKING THE SURGICAL SITE. WE RECOMMEND YOUR PET WEAR THE COLLAR AT ALL TIMES FOR THE NEXT 10-14 DAYS. YOUR PET'S COLLAR MAY NEED TO BE REMOVED FOR EATING AND DRINKING. If your pet damages its collar or you need to a replacement, additional collars can be purchased from the Clinic for \$5.

Please call the Humae Society of Ventura County if you have any questions or concerns about your pet's surgery at (805) 646-6505. The clinic is normally open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thrusdays from 7am – 4pm. The clinic is closed on weekends. Please note there is no veterinary care available outside of clinic hours of operation.

For afterhours care, please call your own veterinarian or:

-Horizon Veterinary Specialists on 5280 Valentine Road, Ste 120, Ventura: (805) 856-0290

OR

-Veterinary Medical and Surgical Group (VMSG) on 2199 Sperry Ave, Ventura: (805) 339-2290

During our Pre-Surgical Exam of your pet, we noticed:

Fleas / Flea dirt Tapeworm segments Other: _____

We recommend consulting with your veterinarian regarding this issue.