

how to care for your pet  
after surgery!

Humane Society of Atchison



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## POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Your pet has undergone general anesthesia and surgical sterilization. This is serious business! Please follow these instructions carefully.

Keep your pet **INDOORS AFTER SURGERY!**

**DON'T FEED YOUR PET** for at least **3 HOURS** after surgery.

And then, give only small amounts of food. Gradually increase food and water over the next 24 hours. Give your pet

**1 or 2 ICE CUBES** to lick during the 3 hours after surgery.

**NO RUNNING** or **JUMPING** for the 1<sup>st</sup> week after surgery!

**CHECK THE INCISION TWICE A DAY.** A small amount of blood seepage is normal immediately after surgery. Should you notice continued bleeding or swelling, **Call your veterinarian!** Do not wait.

**CLEAN THE INCISION** (*gently!*) with hydrogen peroxide and a cotton ball. Do not let it get dirty.

**DON'T LET YOUR PET GET WET** for at least a week after surgery!

If the surgery required sutures, the sutures are dissolvable and should not require removal. Because male cat neuters do not require the use of sutures, **use shredded newspaper instead of litter** in your cat's litter box for one week to prevent dust particles from irritating the incision.

**DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN** or **TYLENOL** to dogs or cats for pain relief unless specifically prescribed by your veterinarian.

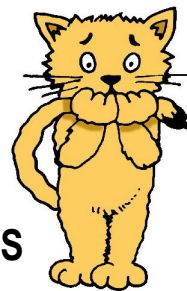
**TYLENOL IS TOXIC TO ANIMALS**

and

**ASPIRIN CAN BE DEADLY to Dogs**

IF ADMINISTERED AFTER SURGERY.

**ASPIRIN IS ALWAYS DEADLY TO CATS**



thanks for doing the right thing for your pet and for society.

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