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POST SURGERY QUESTIONS OR
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PICK UP:

IMPORTANT AFTER SURGERY INFORMATION:

Please initial each box after reading and sign at the bottom.

- WE CANNOT DO A PREGNANCY CHECK** before surgery. Any pregnancies will be terminated.
- YOUR PET HAD MAJOR SURGERY WITH GENERAL ANESTHESIA.** Expect your pet to be sleepy and uncoordinated for the rest of the day. Recovery occurs at different rates. If your pet seems sluggish after 24 hours, take on a short leash walk. **ANY STRENUOUS ACTIVITY COULD INTERRUPT THE HEALING PROCESS AND LEAD TO COMPLICATIONS.**
- LIMIT WATER AND FOOD INTAKE.** Offer small amounts of water at 15-minute intervals. If your pet vomits, discontinue water for an hour. Increase as tolerated. Then offer small amounts of food. If vomiting occurs, discontinue food until the next morning. For puppies/kittens (up to 3 months old), it is urgent that they be offered food and water in very small amounts at 10 to 15 minute intervals. Increase water/food as tolerated. Some dogs like ice cubes. Some pets may not be interested in food during the first 24-36 hours.
- DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PET TO LICK OR BITE THE INCISION AREA.** Excessive licking or biting will cause the incision to open and become infected. This can lead to very serious complications.
KEEP THE E-COLLAR ON YOUR PET FOR THE FIRST 7 - 10 DAYS.
- CHECK THE INCISION SITE EACH MORNING FOR THE FIRST WEEK.** Some swelling and a bit of pink is to be expected. A small, marble-sized hard lump is normal for female cats. If this becomes larger, or a soft swelling larger than half a golf ball develops, please call the AAL post-surgery number listed above.
- KEEP YOUR PET IN A CLEAN, DRY, WARM AND QUIET PLACE.** Do not leave your pet outside.
- DO NOT BATHE YOUR PET FOR 10-14 DAYS.** Keep the incision site clean and dry. Do not clean or apply any topical ointment to the incision site.
- RESTRICT YOUR PETS ACTIVITY FOR 7 to 10 DAYS.** Avoid rough play with children or other pets. Walk only on a leash for 7-10 days.
- SUTURES ARE ABSORBABLE and buried under the skin.** It is not necessary to return for removal.
- IN HEAT FEMALES:** Females who were in heat may attract males for up to 2 weeks after surgery. **Do not allow male dogs to have physical contact with her - this can cause severe internal damage.** They may continue to have some reddish vaginal discharge after surgery.
- FERAL (WILD) CATS:** Place cage in a comfortable, quiet (not cold) area. Keep cage covered. Release the following morning where caught. Kittens up to 3 months old must be offered some wet food upon arrival at home (be careful).
- MALE DOGS AND CATS** may develop blood-filled scrotal sacs if activity is not restricted. If the sac swells beyond the original size, it should be monitored. Keep animal from licking the site. A warm compress can be applied to the sac for 15 minutes, 3 times a day. Swelling should slowly diminish over a period of 2-4 weeks.

Spay and Neuter surgeries are very safe; however, complications can occur. Please call the AAL post-surgery number listed above immediately if redness and swelling persist after a few days or there is discharge or bleeding from the incision.

I have read and understand the after-surgery care instructions. I understand that failure to follow these post-operative instructions could lead to infection, severe complications, or even the death of my pet.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE