

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Airport Veterinary Clinic  
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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR DOG FOLLOWING REPRODUCTIVE ALTERATION

**PROPER RESTRAINT**

Your pet may still be slightly groggy from the anesthetic as they leave the office. To prevent any injury, it is best to have your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier. Upon arriving at home, provide a quiet area where your pet can fully recover over the next 12 to 24 hours.

**FOOD AND WATER**

Your pet has been fasted for their safety in preparation for general anesthesia and surgery. Because of this, they may want to eat right after they return home. It is best to wait 1 to 2 hours after arriving home before offering half of a normal meal to your pet. Offer small, frequent amounts of water this evening. Normal meals can be resumed in the morning.

**ELIMINATION**

The gastrointestinal tract can be affected by general anesthesia and surgery. This may result in your pet having soft stools or constipation for 24-36 hours following today's surgery. If any changes persist beyond 36 hours please contact our office.

**EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY**

Your dog is recovering from major surgery, so remember to limit their activity as much as possible. We recommend you keep him/her inside except for going outside for eliminations. Limit access to stairs and discourage jumping of any kind. Normal activity may be resumed in 7-10 days.

**SUTURES**

Check your dog's incision site daily. Excessive swelling, redness or discharge should be reported to our office. There should not be any bleeding. If your pet's incision begins to bleed, call our office immediately. Some licking is expected; if your dog begins to lick obsessively, an e-collar will need to be used to prevent injury to the incision. Your dog may have their sutures removed in 7-10 days: \_\_\_\_\_ . Please schedule an appointment with our reception staff.

**MONITOR**

While we feel confident your pet will recover normally, there are risks associated with any episode of general anesthesia and surgery. Call our office if you note any abnormalities over the next week. These include, but are not limited to:

- \*Loss of appetite for more than 2 days
- \*Refusal to drink water for more than 1 day
- \*Weakness or listlessness
- \*Vomiting

**MEDICATION**

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Thank you for choosing us to care for your dog!