



Bully Baby Rescue, Inc.

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Spay/Neuter Clinic

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **NO RUNNING, JUMPING, PLAYING, SWIMMING, OR OTHER STRENUOUS ACTIVITY FOR 10 – 14 DAYS.** Keep your pet quiet. Pets should be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry, and warm. No baths during the recovery period; at least 14 days after surgery. Dogs must be walked on a leash and cats kept indoors.
2. Check the incision site twice daily. There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not apply ointments or creams of any kind to the incision site. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PET TO LICK OR CHEW AT THE INCISION.** If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar (E-Collar) **MUST** be worn to prevent it.
3. Introduce food slowly. If vomiting occurs, withhold food for 4 hours, give water then gradually reintroduce food. Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours post-op, diarrhea, or vomiting is not normal. Contact Bully Baby Rescue and you will be directed to a participating veterinarian. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.
4. Do not change your pet's diet at this time and do not give junk food, table scraps, milk, or any people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-operative complications.
5. If your dog is a male, he may have received a post-operative anti-inflammatory injection.
6. We recommend that you have your pet receive a post-operative examination with your veterinarian 7 to 10 days after surgery. Have the incision checked for complete healing, to remove any skin sutures, and to discuss additional needs, follow ups, and vaccination boosters.
7. Unless otherwise noted, there are no sutures to remove.
8. Vaccination reactions: Some pets may have severe reactions to vaccines. If you see swelling of the muzzle or tongue or hives, contact Bully Baby Rescue immediately and you will be directed to a participating veterinarian.
9. Keep females away from intact (un-neutered) males for at least two weeks.
10. Bully Baby Rescue, Inc cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-operative instructions, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously and properly vaccinated. Owner must contact BBR within 48 hours of the procedure should an emergency arise. Bully Baby Rescue will contact participating veterinarians to provide emergent care. Bully Baby Rescue, Inc will not be financially responsible for emergency post operative care at a non-participating veterinarian and will not reimburse owner for emergent care.