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Post-operative care – Bitch Spay

Today your pet has been neutered (spayed). This operation involves the removal of her ovaries and uterus. This is a major operation and she will need time to recover from this procedure. Please read the following advice to help your pet make a speedy recovery.

- An appointment for your dog needs to be made in 2 days time to enable the vet to check her wound. A further appointment is needed 10 days after surgery for a final post-operative check.
- On collection of your pet any medication required will be dispensed and full instructions will be given.
- Your dog will have one or more shaved areas on her fore leg (this is where the intravenous catheter has been placed to administer her anaesthetic) and on her abdomen. Her hair will grow back in time.
- Your dog may be sleepy up to 48 hours after the operation. Please allow peace and quiet during this time.
- Please ensure your dog is kept warm and out of drafts while she recovers.
- She may develop a mild cough after the operation. This is due to an anaesthetic tube being placed in her wind pipe which maintains her anaesthetic. This will pass in a few days.

- Lead exercise is strongly recommended until she is fully healed, excessive exercise and play can result in internal bleeding and rupturing of skin sutures
- We strongly advise that a buster collar be used after surgery especially if she is paying a lot of attention to the wound as this may cause self-trauma and infection.
- If you are at all concerned with your pet during her recovery time please do not hesitate to contact us, we will only be too happy to discuss your concerns. Tel: 0161 7231759.