



## Post-Operative Care



**We use surgical skin glue** which may cause a purple or blue coloring at the incision site.  
**A small green tattoo** near the incision indicates that your animal has been altered.



**Do NOT give your pet aspirin or Tylenol.**

These can be toxic or fatal. Your pet has been given an injection of pain medication that will last 24 hours.



**Check the incision site twice daily.**

**Females** should have no drainage; **males** may have small amounts of drainage/discharge for up to three days.

If there is a bandage on the scrotum it **MUST** be gently removed after 24 hours.



**Offer a small amount of food and water in the next few hours.**

Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery.



**Do not change your pet's diet at this time**

or give table scraps, milk or any other people food.



**Do not allow your pet to lick or chew the incision.**

Use an Elizabethan collar if necessary (available for purchase at vet clinics and most pet stores).



**Lethargy or lack of appetite**

lasting for more than 24 hours, or profuse diarrhea or vomiting is **not normal**. If this occurs, please contact AWS or your family veterinarian.



**Discourage exercise**

or other strenuous activity for the next 10 days. **Cats** should stay indoors. **Dogs** should go out on a leash to urinate/defecate and then return inside to rest.



**Questions?**

If you have any questions or concerns directly related to the surgery, please contact the clinic by phone at **(207) 292-2424** or email [clinic@animalwelfaresociety.org](mailto:clinic@animalwelfaresociety.org)

We will treat at our clinic, for minimal cost, any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-op instructions are followed in full. **Please call for an appointment as soon as you see cause for concern.**

We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-op instructions or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not properly vaccinated.

Your regular veterinarian must address illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery.