



## El Paso Animal Services Low Cost Clinic

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### Spay or Neuter – Post Surgical Instructions

Congratulations on choosing the life saving surgery for your pet.

Since your pet will continue to be sleepy and confused after he/she arrives home. Do the following to avoid problems:

1. First, offer a small amount of water. If this causes your pet to vomit, wait to feed him/her till the next day. If this does not cause any problems-
2. Feed a small meal (1/4 of what you would normally feed an animal of that size)
3. Feed normally starting tomorrow
4. Keep indoors after surgery so you can watch for complication and keep all other pets away.

These are things you will need to do for the next 2 weeks:

1. Keep small children and other animals away for the first night
2. Restrict activity: avoid running, jumping and rough playing
3. Look at incision every single day, call us immediately if you notice:
  - a. Green, yellow or white discharge (small amount of clear bloody discharge is OKAY)
  - b. Foul smell coming from incision
  - c. Incision has opened up more than 1cm (1/2 inch)
  - d. Severe swelling
4. Keep incision clean and dry
5. Do not allow your pet to scratch, rub, lick or chew at the incision. Please use an Elizabeth collar if needed (available at any pet store)
6. No swimming or bathing

We use adsorbable suture and tissue glue, so the removal is not necessary. Additionally, we apply GREEN tattoo ink directly into the incision, or make a small tattoo just next to the incision. The purpose of the tattoo is in case your pet were ever to get lost and end up in the shelter, there would be no attempt to spay/neuter them again.

We care about every pet in our care. Remember to microchip, license and vaccinate, it is a City of El Paso ordinance.