

Affordable Veterinary Services

706.221.7600

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. No running, jumping, playing, swimming or other strenuous activity for 7 to 10 days. Keep your pet quiet. Pets must be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry and warm. No baths during the recovery period. 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 allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar MUST be applied to prevent it.
3. Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours post-op, diarrhea, or vomiting are not normal and your pet should be seen by a regular 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 other people food during the recovery period (or at any time). This could mask post-surgical complications.
5. If there are any questions or concerns, please call this office at (706) 221-7600. If there is an emergency after hours, contact the Fur Buds After Hours Clinic, 334-737-6201 located at 3600 Pepperell Pkwy Opelika, AL. or Animal Emergency Center at 706-324-6659 located at 2509 Manchester Expressway Columbus, GA.

Affordable Veterinary Services will treat at our clinic, at minimal cost, any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-op instructions are followed in full. We will fully charge for illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery. 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 previously properly vaccinated. No suture removal is needed unless otherwise noted.