

## **PET SURGERY AFTERCARE**

Your pet has had surgery with a general anesthetic and may still be feeling some of the effects of these medications. Commonly pets will be somewhat uncoordinated and sleepy for several hours and may not be fully recovered until the next day. Please take note of these instructions to reduce the likelihood of any post – surgery complications which may delay the normal recovery process.

1. Do not offer any food or water until your pet has recovered sufficiently to avoid choking.
2. Provide water in small quantities first to see if any upset stomach problems (vomiting) occur. A small amount of food can be given at the end of the day if the water stays down. If any vomiting occurs withhold water and food until the next morning.
3. Check the surgical incision and call the hospital if you notice any unusual swelling, redness, discharge, or excessive licking by your pet. Some minor swelling under the incision may be noted in female cats after being spayed. It will resolve when the healing is complete.
4. Should your pet lick or irritate the incision it can delay the normal healing process. It is not a good idea for the pet to lick the stitches. To stop licking an E-collar has been placed around the neck to prevent them from reaching the site. This should remain in place until the recheck appointment.
5. Do not administer any medications to your pet unless instructed to do so by the doctor. Do not give ASPIRIN or TYLENOL it can be toxic to your pet.
6. Sutures are normally removed about 10 to 14 days after surgery or just a recheck exam if no sutures need to be removed.
7. Until the recheck appointment do not bathe, groom or allow your pet to swim.
8. After spaying or neutering surgery please restrict your pets activity for 10 -14 days no running, jumping, playing , walk on a leash to go outside. This is to reduce the chance of any post-op swelling that may produce discomfort.

### **Surgery Recheck/suture removal:**

**\* If your pet has been spayed/neutered, you may want to decrease his/her calorie intake by 20 – 30% to avoid unnecessary weight gain\* \***

**\*In case of an emergency after hours, please call one of the following emergency hospitals.**

**Northeast Veterinary and Referral: Plains, Pa 570-208-8877**

**Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center: Clarks Summit, Pa 570-587-7777**