

# SANTA BARBARA HUMANE SOCIETY POST-SURGICAL CARE FOR YOUR DOG

## ACTIVITY

**No running, jumping or rough play and no swimming or bathing for 14 days.** You may take your dog on short leash walks several times a day. Male dogs, especially large breeds may experience painful swelling of the scrotum if they are too active. If swelling is noted, we may recommend applying a warm compress to the area for 10 minutes every 4 hours until swelling has gone down.

## PAIN MEDICATION

Your pet received two different pain medication injections today. You should start your pet's go-home pain medication **TOMORROW MORNING** and follow the label directions. The pain medication should be given only **once** a day. We recommend giving the medication with a meal to prevent stomach upset.

**DO NOT GIVE ANY ADDITIONAL PAIN MEDICATION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A VETERINARIAN. MANY HUMAN PAIN MEDICATIONS CAN BE TOXIC TO DOGS ESPECIALLY IF COMBINED WITH THESE MEDICATIONS.**

## FOOD AND WATER

Give a small amount of food (1/4 to 1/2 of their normal amount) and water to your pet when you get home. Do not let your dog gulp large amounts of water or eat too much food. If your pet vomits, wait 4 hours before feeding again, but offer small amounts of water. Watch for bloat in large breed dogs.

## SURGERY SITE

Check your pet's incision once a day. If it appears red, painful, oozing or swollen, please call the clinic during business hours or the emergency clinic if necessary. No suture removal is needed. Mild bruising may be present immediately post-op. A warm compress applied to the area for 5-10 minutes 3-4 times a day will help reduce the inflammation. You can warm a washcloth with water and place inside a plastic baggie to create a warm compress. Do not get the incision wet and ensure the compress is not too warm.

Your pet has been given a no-lick collar (e-collar) to prevent him/her from licking the surgical site. **WE RECOMMEND YOUR PET WEAR THE COLLAR AT ALL TIMES FOR THE NEXT 14 DAYS.** Your pet's collar may need to be removed for eating and drinking. If your pet damages the collar or you need a replacement, additional collars can be purchased from the Clinic for \$5.

Please call the Santa Barbara Humane Society Clinic if you have any questions or concerns about your pet's surgery at (805) 964-4777 ext 281, 10 am to 12 pm or 2 pm to 4 pm Monday through Friday. The clinic is closed on weekends. Please note there is no veterinary care available outside of clinic hours operation.

For afterhours care, please call your own veterinarian or:

-Care Emergency pet Hospital on 301 E. Haley St: (805) 899-2273

OR

-Advanced Veterinary Specialists Emergency Pet Care on 414 E. Carrillo Street: (805) 729-4460

During our Pre-Surgical Exam of your pet, we noticed:

Fleas / Flea dirt     Tapeworm segments     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

We recommend consulting with your veterinarian regarding this issue.