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## **Post-Operative Care for Canine and Feline Spays**

Your pet just had major abdominal surgery. The next two weeks are very important to health and well-being of your pet. The following is a list of instructions for you and your pet:

*Do not allow running, jumping, climbing stairs, or uncontrolled activity.*

*Please restrict activity to leash walking: for the canine patient, until sutures are removed.*

*The suture line should be kept clean and dry. Bathing is not recommended until sutures are removed. Do not allow your pet to lick the incision or chew on the sutures.*

*Check the incision line daily for increasing pain, swelling, discoloration, or discharge. If you notice any of these abnormalities please contact us.*

*Please return in two weeks if sutures are present. An appointment is not necessary.*

*Failure to follow these instructions can result in the irritation, infection, breakdown, and eventually opening of the incision line.*

*If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. Thank you.*