



Caring for your pet after surgery

Over the next 14 days:

- Do not bathe your pet.
- Minimize activity and exercise. No running, jumping, or playing.
- For dogs, take very short leash walks outside only to go potty.
- Limit activity with other pets.
- Keep the e-collar or cone on for at least the next week.
- Do not allow licking on the incision area. This can cause significant damage to the surgery area and could result in serious medical issues.

Notes on the incision:

- Your pet's stitches are hidden beneath their skin and do not need to be removed.
- There is a small amount of surgical glue on the incision. Do not pull this glue off - it will naturally fall off on its own.
- There is a small tattoo on the skin to indicate that your pet has been spayed or neutered. This tattoo may be green, purple, or blue.

Please contact Operation Kindness if you observe any of the following:

- Refusal to drink water for more than 12 hours.
- Loss of appetite for more than 24 hours.
- Severe depression, weakness, or fatigue.
- Draining, swelling, or excessive redness around the incision.

Questions? Call the Operation Kindness medical team at 972-428-3802.