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Post-Operative Care for your Dog after Neutering

You have just collected your dog after it has been neutered here at Rose Cottage Veterinary Centre. The Vet/Nurse should have just gone through all the details and instructions that you need to know after the procedure. We appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to remember all the information you have been given. We bet you were just so glad to see your furry friend! With that in mind, we have also provided you with these post-operative instructions that you can refer back to now that you're back home.

THIS EVENING

Your dog should be able to walk away with you today although may still be a little drowsy. You may be surprised at how bright they seem, but they still need some special care over the next few days. When you get them home encourage your pet to rest and keep them warm in their favourite spot. We suggest that you offer them a small bland meal this evening, for example chicken and rice or some of our prescription food that we can supply you if you wish. Offer water little and often as gulping down a whole bowl full may make them feel sick!

Some side effects of the anaesthetic can be mild vomiting/diarrhoea but this should resolve in the next couple of days. You can let your dog out into the garden to go to the toilet but strictly no exercise tonight. Your dog will have been given a painkiller following their operation today. If the vet has prescribed further medication, please read the dosage carefully and complete the full course as required. **If** you have been prescribed Metacam, this must be taken with food and the course will start tomorrow.



THE FOLLOWING WEEK

The morning after the operation you may begin to start taking your dog out for short, gentle lead exercise. Once your dog is fully signed off by the Vet, they can return to their normal exercise routine.

Try to avoid any energetic behaviour e.g. jumping on chairs, running up and downstairs, play fighting etc. It is important to check the operation site daily for any redness, swelling or oozing as well as your pet exhibiting any behaviour changes. If your dog is bothering at the wound e.g. licking or pulling the sutures, we can supply a collar ('Cone of Shame!') to prevent this causing any damage to the wound. Please do not apply anything to the wound that hasn't been advised to you by the Vet. If you are concerned that the

wound is perhaps swollen or reddened then please contact the practice



Most dogs have dissolvable sutures which do not need removal. Your vet will advise you if this is not the case.

Unless advised otherwise, the Vet would like to see a photo of the wound, seven days post-op to check the healing process is going nicely. Please send one or two clear pictures of the wound to our email address:
receptionrosecottagevets@gmail.com

If you have any questions about your dog's surgery or recovery, please don't hesitate to give us a call!