

Anaesthetic/Pain

It is common to be subdued and sleepy following an anaesthetic.

She may not eat as much as usual tonight – this is normal.

Please ensure she is kept inside tonight - warm and dry.

Your dog has had a pain relief injection, which lasts 24hrs.

Some dogs are more sensitive to pain than others.

Signs of pain can include:

- Pacing
- Licking at surgery site
- Depressed behaviour
- Unable to get comfortable
- Hiding
- Howling

If you think your dog is in pain, please phone the clinic. We will assess their pain levels and dispense additional pain relief if required.

Wound Infection

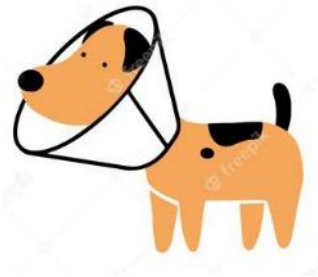
The wound will be tender, slightly swollen and a little red for a few days.

Keep a close eye on the wound for any:

- Increasing redness
- Increasing swelling
- Heat
- Discharge
- Pus

Monitor the wound daily for signs of infection, licking, chewing and pulling out stitches.

If she is constantly licking the wound, she will need an e-collar.



Diet Post Spey

Your dog may require less food to maintain a healthy weight.
Some dogs need up to 1/3 less food after speying.



We have a range of diets specially formulated for neutered/speyed animals which take into consideration the change in nutritional needs.

Please speak to our nurses or front staff for help with nutrition.

Your dog MUST be kept quiet.

Especially for the first 2-3 days.

Ideally for 10 days - until stitches come out.

- NO running
- NO jumping
- NO swimming
- NO playing with other dogs
- NO licking the wound site
- NO baths or grooming

Gentle lead walks are fine after 2-3 days.

A very small amount of citronella oil around (NOT on) the wound can help deter licking and chewing, however an e-collar is the best method to prevent this.

Please phone the clinic if you have any concerns.



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Today

Has been speyed.

This is major abdominal surgery, involving the removal of her uterus and ovaries.

Please read this brochure for her post-operative care.

Stitches due out: _____

Appointment time: _____

