

DOGS



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24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE*

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Bitch Spay - Post-operative Care

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Your bitch has had a routine spaying operation performed (both ovaries and uterus removed under full anaesthetic). Please observe the following instructions:

- Do not allow your dog to lick or scratch her wound, especially in the first few days. Continued licking or scratching can cause or worsen an infection, and can cause soreness and may open the wound. We recommend the use of an Elizabethan ('Buster') collar or T-shirt to prevent your pet from interfering with her wound. If your dog manages to remove any of her stitches, or the wound is showing signs of redness, swelling, bleeding or discharge, or develops a lump, please let us know straight away.
- In the evening after her operation offer your dog a small light meal (recovery diet, boiled chicken and rice, white fish or scrambled egg) or a small meal of her normal food. Do not worry if she does not want to eat, or even if she vomits after eating, as this is not unusual. Ensure fresh water is readily available. If your dog refuses to eat after the first day of recovery please contact us. If she vomits more than once please contact us.
- Even if your dog recovers quickly, strict rest is important. We advise minimal exercise for at least 2 days after surgery. This means a very short lead walk for toileting only. Exercise should continue to be restricted to moderate lead walks only for the next 10 days.
- Your dog may be quiet and sleepy for 24 hours or more after a general anaesthetic and on arriving home she may wish to rest. This is normal and she should be left to sleep for as long as she wishes. During this time, try to avoid disturbance by other pets or children and ensure your dog is in a warm, confined and safe environment where she cannot harm herself. Do not allow your dog to jump in and out of the car, on to furniture or to go up and down stairs as she may still be a bit unsteady and disorientated, and may fall. These after effects of anaesthesia normally pass within 24 hours. Please let us know if they persist.
- Some fur will have been clipped from one or more places. A front leg and/or the neck are the usual areas where anaesthetics, sedations, drips and drugs are injected and where blood samples are taken from. A large area of fur may be clipped from the operation site to prevent the fur from contaminating the surgical area. The hair will grow back in a few weeks, but may take longer in the summertime.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR DOG OR HAVE ANY QUERIES DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US 01438 369390 OR OUT OF HOURS COVER (RVC) ON 01707 666399.

Medication	Dosage	Date to Start	AM/PM

Follow Up Appointments (Free of Charge):

Date	Time	Vet / Nurse

- Stitches will be removed in ____ days.
- There are no stitches to remove.

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