



Dog Take Home Instructions

The following information pertains to your pet's anesthetic, surgical and/or other procedure.

Surgery/Anesthesia:

Your dog has been through major surgery. He/She will need special attention for a full, uneventful recovery, just as a human would. Please read and review the following instructions. If you have any questions at any time, please call 920-261-1270.

Activity:

Your dog will need to wear an E-collar for 10-14 days following surgery. Please bring one along with you when you pick up your pet or be prepared to purchase one for \$15 at the shelter during pick up. E-collars are **REQUIRED**, no exceptions. No free running (must be on leash) or jumping for 10 - 14 days. This includes outside time for going to the bathroom. No bathing or swimming for a minimum of 14 days after surgery.

If your pet is an outdoor dog, please make arrangements to keep him/her in an indoor area until he/she is fully healed.

Diet:

Day of surgery offer small amounts of food and water, however if your dog becomes sick to his stomach, discontinue food until the next morning. As long as he/she is able to keep food in and doesn't exhibit signs of illness, you can resume normal diet the day following surgery.

Medications:

Begin all medications on the day of discharge **unless otherwise directed**. Directions for medications are printed on each bottle. Please observe recommendations for giving with food if stated.

Incision Care:

Please check the incisions daily. Some redness and swelling is a normal consequence of surgery and healing. If the incision becomes painful, opens or discharges pus or blood, please contact your regular veterinarian for follow up care. A small amount of clear fluid may ooze from the incision and is considered normal. **DO NOT** allow your dog to lick, chew, rub or pull at the incisions. E-collars **MUST** be worn for the 10-14 days following surgery. **DO NOT** apply any ointment or essential oils or try to clean the incision unless directed by a veterinarian.

Animal Number: _____ Animal Name: _____

Owners Last Name: _____

WHS is not a full service veterinarian clinic. We are only staffed and equipped to offer spay/neuter services and any follow up care needed by your pet must be done at your regular veterinarian or an emergency veterinarian if needed.

Please agree to and initial the following:

I understand and agree to follow the instructions above to the best of my ability. _____

I understand the importance of keeping my pet's incision site dry and clean for the 14 days following surgery. _____

I understand that if my dog is attempting to chew, lick, or bite the incision I will do whatever necessary to prevent that behavior. _____

I understand that there are risks involved in any surgery and I will not hold Watertown Humane Society responsible for any unforeseen complications. _____

I understand that if any complications from the surgery arise I am to contact my local veterinarian for care for my pet. _____

I understand that if my regular veterinarian is not able to see my pet I will need to take my pet to the soonest available emergency veterinarian clinic. _____