

## **National Spay Alliance Savannah Discharge Instructions**

Your pet may be groggy after surgery. It can take 24-48 hours for animals to process the anesthesia.

Pet must remain in a comfortable room temperature environment for the first 24 hours. Do not expose them to extreme heat or cold.

Give a small amount of water and food at approximately 6pm this evening, then again at 8pm. If your pet has pain medication, please give the first dose tonight before bedtime with a small treat. If your pet does not eat this evening, please do not begin the pain medication until after the morning meal, otherwise it may upset their stomach. Resume normal diet & water routine the next day.

Keep the incision area dry for the next 10 days. No bathing or swimming. Restrict activity (no running, jumping or playing with other pets) for 7 days. Do not confine pets by a chain or rope. Pulling or jumping may cause damage to the incision site.

Sutures are absorbable and there is no follow up appointment required. Please monitor the incision site once daily for 7 days. Redness, swelling or irritations are signs the pet has been licking or overexerting. It is highly recommended that ALL animals wear a plastic cone to prevent licking for 7 days post-surgically. Please be sure to purchase one that is longer than the pet's snout, so that they may not bend the plastic and lick anyway.

If you have any concerns or questions about the recovery of your pet from surgery, please email us at [info.nsasavannah@gmail.com](mailto:info.nsasavannah@gmail.com). Please allow one full business day for a return call. Please note that we are not financially responsible for aftercare not authorized through us.

For Cats: Leave in the carrier for 1 hour after arriving home. Place your cat in a quiet area of home. Do not handle your cat this evening. Open the cage door and allow the cat to come out on their own. Do not reach in the carrier as they may be disoriented and strike out. Have access to food, water & litter available. Male cats do not have sutures, females do and they are absorbable. **If you purchased additional pain medication the medication was administered orally at the clinic.**

If you are caring for a feral cat, please supervise for 2-3 days to ensure the cat is safe to be released and that the sedation has fully worn off.

ALL FEMALES ARE TATTOOED WITH A SINGLE GREEN LINE TO INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SPAYED. DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING SUCH AS NEOSPORIN ON THE INCISION. THIS WILL JUST CAUSE THEM TO WANT TO LICK IT OFF.

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### **After hours Emergency Clinic option:**

Savannah Veterinary Emergency Clinic  
335 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah  
912-355-6113