

SNYP Discharge Information

Closely monitor your pet for the first 24 hours following surgery.

- No running, jumping, swimming, bathing or any other strenuous activities for 7 to 10 days. Pets need to be kept indoors where they can stay dry and in a temperature-controlled environment. Dogs should be walked on a lead. Use caution on stairs/furniture after surgery because they may fall.
- Feral cats should be kept in a temperature controlled environment for the first 24 hours after surgery. You can leave them in the trap or crate overnight and release the next day.
- Check the incision site twice daily. There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. DO NOT let your pet lick or chew at the incision area. If the area is red or swollen, your animal is most likely licking the incision area (this may done at night while you are asleep). If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar must be applied to prevent injury/infection. You may purchase a collar at the SNYP clinic, Big Lots, a pet store or your regular veterinarian.
- **Pain medication is available and is recommended with all surgical procedures.** Do not give your pet aspirin (which can affect blood clotting) or other human drugs that may be toxic to your pet.
- Do not change your pet's diet at this time. If your pet is not interested in eating, let them rest and try again later. Appetite should return to normal after 24 hours. Do not be alarmed if your pet does not have a bowel movement in the first 24-36 hours after surgery; this is normal because they have fasted.
- The incision is closed with internal stitches and surgical glue. There is nothing to remove as they will dissolve. You may notice a single stitch in your pets' incision area; this is normal. If there is excess inflammation, please consult with your regular veterinarian. If the incision opens, you must seek emergency veterinary services.
- If you notice a colored line/mark on your pet's stomach; this is a tattoo, which if used to identify that the animal has already been spayed. The tattoo will likely not be visible once the hair regrows.
- Feral cats participating in our discounted program will be ear tipped. The top part of the ear is removed while the cat is under anesthesia. This is a universal sign of a spayed/neutered feral cat. You can learn more about feral cats at <http://www.alleycatallies.org/>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the SNYP program at 814-671-9827. If there is no answer, leave a message and someone will get back to you within 48 hours. If you have an emergency, call your regular veterinarian.

Your pet received these services/vaccines today:

Spay Neuter 1 year Rabies Deworming HCP DHLPP
FeLeuk Vaccine Lyme Vaccine
Ear Tip Flea Treatment Other _____

Felv/FIV/HWT Combo Test, results: _____ Lyme Test, results: _____,

Please see your regular veterinarian to address the following concerns about your pet:

Overweight Underweight Skin Abnormalities Parasites (worms, fleas/ticks)

Other _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____