

# Vet Surgery Services

## Laparoscopic Spay – Post Operative Instructions

- Your pet has undergone a general anaesthetic today; this can cause sleepiness that should resolve within 24 hours
- They will have fur clipped from one or more legs and their abdomen; occasionally minor irritation can occur. If they are licking clipped areas excessively this should be stopped and seek advice from your vet if this persists
- A tube has been placed down their airway, this can sometimes cause irritation and a minor cough for the first few days, but should be getting better within a few days
- Small and frequent meals are ideal during the recovery period, a bland easily digested diet is ideal but your pet's normal food is also okay.
- Water should always be available
- The surgical wounds have been closed with buried absorbable suture, so no sutures need to be removed. There may be glue applied which can look slightly crusty
- The wounds should be checked daily for progressive heat, redness swelling or discharge
- Your pet should not interfere with the surgical wound, a cone or body suit should be used to prevent self-trauma
- A post-operative check should be scheduled in 3-5 days time
- Exercise can consist of unlimited lead walks only for the first 5 days then if the wound is all fine at the post operative check normal activity can resume
- Swimming or bathing should be avoided until 10 days and the wound should look sealed, dry and not reddened
- If you have any concerns regarding your pet or their wounds, please contact your vets
- Post -operative pain relief can be given for the first 3-5 days