

# Midvalley Animal Clinic

## 801-269-1213

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### HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOG SPAYS AND NEUTERS

**Alertness:** Your pet has been given an anesthetic today and will be drowsy and uncoordinated for up to 24 hours. For this reason it is important to keep them away from stairs, decks, and any place they may fall.

**Activity:** Keep your pet quiet for 10 days to allow the incision to heal. Leash walks only, no running or ball playing. This is especially important for male dogs so their scrotum does not swell. If you feel your pet is experiencing pain and needs extra pain medication please contact our office. Recheck exams are free.

**Incision:** The incision should be checked daily for redness, swelling, discharge and pain. Call our office if you are concerned for any reason. Most sutures dissolve on their own and your pet does not need to come back to our office. If you see any sutures on the outside of the skin these should be removed in 10 to 14 days. Please call for a free suture removal appointment. If the skin incision comes open after hours it is not necessary to visit The Pet Emergency Room. Bandage the open incision and don't let your pet lick the incision site. Bring your pet into the clinic as soon as we are open. Use the e-collar if you were sent home with one or pick one up asap if your pet is licking the incision. E-collars can be purchased at your local petstore.

**Food and Water:** It is all right to make food and water available to your pet on the first night. Many pets are too nauseous to eat the first night. If they vomit withhold food for a few more hours and try again with a little water first. If the nausea persists more than 24 hours post surgery call our clinic. Pain medication can be given the first night if your pet is not vomiting.

**Emergency Services:** Emergency services are available after hours at The Cottonwood Pet E.R. 6360 Highland Dr, **801-278-3367**. The client is responsible for all fees charged by the emergency clinic.

**Special Instructions:**