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### ***Post Operative Care for a Spayed Bitch:***

Your pet has had a general anaesthetic and can be fed a small light meal. If your pet is vomiting please withhold food and water for 12 hours. If vomiting continues after that please ring us for advise. Some animals will not want to eat for 24 - 48 hours following a general anaesthetic.

Please keep your animal in a warm area for the next 12 hours, as anaesthetics can lower your pet's body temperature.

Some animals may have a forelimb shaved during administration of a general anaesthetic.

Please arrange an appointment to bring your animal back in to us for a post operative check 3 -4 days post op.

If sutures are not dissolvable then your pet will need to be brought back in to us for sutures to be removed 10 - 14 days post op.

It is important that when an operation has been performed, that your pet must not be allowed to run, jump, stretch or become too excited. They should be given **short** lead exercise for 10 days.

Patients recover uneventfully from most operations. Initial payment covers the cost of post op check and suture removal. However due to the unpredictability of the living tissue, any further treatment that may become necessary will not be covered by the initial cost.

A buster collar must be worn at all times, this is available at our practice.

Your pet will have been weighed at the time of surgery. Following a spay a bitch may have a tendency to gain weight - this is not an accepted side effect and can be detrimental to your pet's quality of life. Please alter her diet accordingly or seek guidance from our clinic if this becomes a problem.