



HOCKING HILLS ANIMAL CLINIC

PATIENT: _____



HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR POST-SURGERY NEUTERS (Males)

DIET: Anesthesia causes nausea. Allow your pet to eat small meals as soon as he regains an appetite.

SAFETY: Grogginess can persist for a day or more. Keep your pet away from all stairs, lofts, decks, and other high places. Assist him in and out of your vehicle if necessary.

ACTIVITY: Do not allow running or jumping for a minimum of 10 days. Keep your pet as quiet as possible. While outside, dogs should remain on a leash. If possible, keep cats indoors for 10 days or until the incision is healed.

BATHING: Do not bathe before 10 days, and then only if the incision is fully healed.

INCISION: Inspect incision(s) daily. If you see drainage, swelling, bleeding, or excessive redness, call for an appointment right away.

ELIZABETHAN COLLAR or ZEN COLLAR: Your pet may try to lick, chew, or scratch his incision. It's essential this activity be stopped. Otherwise, the incision may open up or become infected. If so, additional surgery may be required. An E-collar, Zen-collar, or other protective device may be needed to prevent trauma to incisions. Please let us know if you need one.

SUTURES

Cats: No sutures are used in the skin. No suture removal is needed.

Dogs: Sutures need to be removed in 10 days or skin is glued, suture removal NOT needed

MEDICATION:

Pain medications have been prescribed Start the pain medications: _____

Antibiotics have been prescribed Start the antibiotic: _____

Give prescribed medications until gone. Even if no signs of pain or infection are evident.

ADDITIONAL INFO or INSTRUCTIONS: