



WARREN HOUSE VETERINARY CENTRE

Post-Bitch Spay Homecare

Your pet has recently undergone abdominal surgery. The procedure is called a “spay”, or more technically an ovariectomy/ovariectomy. All the internal female reproductive organs, including the ovaries and uterus (up to the cervix), have been removed in a standard spay. In a keyhole spay, only the ovaries have been removed.

Complications:

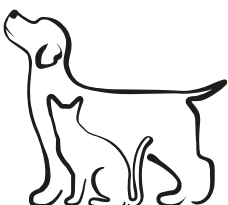
Please notify the practice at once if any of the following occur:

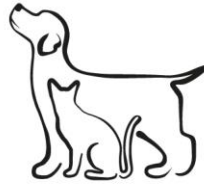
- Vomiting after 24 hours at home
- Diarrhoea
- Refusal to eat or drink after 24 hours at home
- No passing of urine or faeces 24 hours after their procedure
- Signs of severe pain (mild pain and discomfort are normal for the first few days after surgery)
- Excessive licking or chewing at the surgery site.
- Bleeding or discharge from the surgery site
- Gaping of wound edges
- If your pet acts off or seems “not right” in any other way

Lickers, Chewers and Chewed out stitches.

Occasionally pets will lick and chew their incision site to excess. Since little tongues and teeth can do a lot of damage in a short time, this **MUST BE PREVENTED**. To prevent licking and/or chewing at her incision site, it will be necessary to place a buster collar until the wound is healed. These are available from us at no extra cost. Medical pet shirts are also available if this is preferred at an added cost; these are at no additional cost if your pet has undergone keyhole surgery.

Occasionally pets will develop an infection despite our best efforts to prevent it. This is nearly always due to overactivity and/or due to excessive licking or chewing of the incision and appears as a green/yellow discharge from the wound. Please contact the practice immediately if you feel an infection may present.





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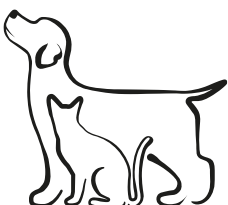
2 Post-Op Checks are performed by Veterinary Nurses or veterinary care assistants and are included in the price of your pet's surgery; however, if your pet requires additional treatment such as antibiotics, pain relief or potentially further surgery, the owner is responsible for all costs of necessary treatment because of any complications. These complications are all very rare and are handled on a case-by-case basis.

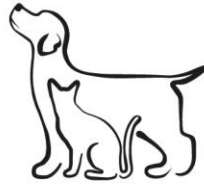
By following the guidelines below, you will be able to dramatically speed up your pet's Recovery.

- Offer your pet small amounts of water when you get home and food can be offered a few hours later – we recommend a bland diet such as chicken/white fish and rice/pasta or the food included in your home care package. However, their appetite may not be completely normal for a few days.
- Check the incision site daily for redness, swelling or discharge. If any of these signs are observed, please call the practice, and bring your pet by for a recheck as this can be a sign of infection.
- Restrict running, jumping, and climbing stairs for the next 10 days at least.
- No swimming or bathing for the next 10 days at least
- Do not give any over-the-counter pain relievers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen as these can be poisonous to pets. We will prescribe non-steroidal pain relief medication for the following 3-5 days after surgery which should keep your pet comfortable during their recovery.
- It is recommended that your dog is kept away from other dogs and animals to not cause damage to the incision sites through licking or playing.

We usually use dissolvable stitches. If your pet had external stitches, they need to be removed in 10-14 days. Please return for this service. There is no extra charge for this unless sedation is required.

Post-Operative Telephone Call - A staff member will call you a few days after the procedure to check on your pet. Do not be alarmed. This is a routine call to find out how your pet is progressing after her surgery.





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Thank you for choosing Warren House Vets for your pet's care. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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WhatsApp: 07999048536.

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Post-Operative Out-of-Hours Support



If you have any concerns following your pet's surgery, we offer free out-of-hours veterinary advice support with a UK Registered Vet, over the phone, as a part of our free VIP Club.

To sign up please email: Info@warrenhousevets.co.uk

Emergency Out-of-hours Support



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