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## Dog Post-Neuter Home Care Instructions

### *Neuter (Castration)*

A surgical procedure under anesthesia in which the male sex organs (testicles) are removed.

### *What you need to know while your pet is healing from surgery*

- **Incision-** Look at the incision with the doctor during discharge, so you know what it looks like right after surgery. Monitor incision daily- if you notice any oozing of the incision (blood or pus) or significant swelling and redness, call us and bring your pet in for an evaluation.
- **Keep Incision Area Dry-** Moisture can affect the integrity of the suture line. As such, do not bathe your pet or allow your pet to lie in moist areas or swim for the next 10 days (or until sutures are removed). This applies to all incisions even if no external sutures are placed.
- **Restrict exercise-** Restrict activity and leash walk your dog for the next 10 days. Jumping or running could cause sutures to rupture.
- **Pain Medications-** If your veterinarian prescribed home pain medications, give as directed. **Do not** give over the counter pain medications such as Ibuprofen, and Tylenol. These can be toxic!
- **Recheck-** Return in 10 days regardless of whether there are any sutures to be removed so that we may re-check the incision. This exam is included in the cost of the procedure.
- **Prevent Licking of the Incision-** If your pet begins to lick the incision, it is important to obtain an e-collar from Preston Animal Hospital to prevent this from occurring. Excessive licking of the incision causes irritation, swelling, and can lead to infection and delay healing.

### *Call Preston Animal Hospital if you notice any of the following:*

- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Refusal to eat, greater than 24-48 hours post surgery
- Severe pain
- Bleeding or pus from incision site
- Continuous licking or biting at incision site