

IMPORTANT - Please keep these instructions handy for 2-3 weeks after surgery

Post-Operative Instructions

If you have any questions or concerns after surgery, including incision questions, call:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM – (912) 354-6265

Emergency after-hours and Friday – Sunday – (912) 661-2793



1. All animals should ideally be kept indoors for the next 10 days as their incisions are healing. If you cannot keep your pet indoors for 10 days, they should at least be kept inside for the first 48 hours after surgery; dogs can be taken outside for leash walks.
2. NO running, jumping, playing, swimming, or other strenuous activity for seven to ten days. Keep your pet quiet. Pets must be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry, and warm. No baths during the recovery period. Dogs must be walked on a leash and kept indoors.
3. Check the incision site twice daily. There should be no drainage. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If this occurs, an Elizabethan collar (e-collar) MUST be applied to prevent additional licking and chewing that could cause infection.
4. Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery. Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours after surgery, diarrhea, or vomiting are not normal, and your pet should be taken to your regular veterinarian. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.
5. Do not change your pet's diet at this time, and do not give junk food, table scraps, milk, or any other people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-surgical complications.
6. If your pet received a vaccine at our clinic other than rabies, please discuss a "booster" vaccine with your regular veterinarian or return for one of our monthly shot clinics, held the first Thursday of each month, 2pm – 6pm. Canine distemper/parvo vaccine, feline leukemia vaccine, and feline distemper vaccine all need to be "boostered" 3 to 4 weeks after administration of the first vaccine for maximum effectiveness.
7. **If there are any questions or concerns directly related to the surgery, including concerns about the incision, please call Pet Fix Savannah at (912) 354-6265 during regular business hours or our Emergency Phone at (912) 661-2793 if we are closed. If there is an emergency after hours (between 5:30 PM and 7:30 AM or Friday – Sunday), please call Pet Fix Savannah's Emergency Phone at 615-802-8387, contact your regular veterinarian, or contact an emergency hospital.**
8. Your pet received a green tattoo next to their incision. This tattoo is a scoring process in the skin; IT IS NOT AN EXTRA INCISION.
9. Pet Fix Savannah will treat at our clinic any post-operative complications resulting directly from the surgery, if the above post-operative instructions are followed in full. Your regular veterinarian must address illnesses or injuries that are not a direct result of surgery. Please call for an appointment as soon as you see cause for concern. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-operative instructions, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.
10. If your pet is not retrieved at the agreed upon time, Pet Fix Savannah reserves the right to charge a late fee (per animal) in the amount of \$20 per day. At close of business Thursday, all remaining pets that have not been picked up will be turned over to Chatham County Animal Services or the Humane Society for Greater Savannah as abandoned and the pet will become property of the agency to which it is given, at the discretion of the Pet Fix Savannah staff.