

**In Case of Emergency contact us at 702-655-4800 during normal business hours Mon. – Thur. 7 am to 5 pm. After hours contact Veterinary Emergency listed on back of sheet.**

## **POST-OP CARE FOR CATS AND DOGS**

### **Food and Water**

- Your pet may be inclined to drink and/or eat excessively, which may result in vomiting. We recommend restricting free access to water for an hour until your pet has quieted down.
- Allow only small amounts of food and water for the first 8 hours. Normal feeding and watering can resume the next day.

### **Eliminations**

Many pets may not have a bowel movement for 24 to 48 hours after anesthesia or surgery. This is normal and regular bowel movements will resume as food intake resumes. If no bowel movement after 48 hours, please contact the clinic.

### **Monitoring**

A decrease in activity or appetite for 1 or 2 days may be observed. If your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, please contact the clinic:

1. Loss of appetite for more than 2 days
2. Refusal to drink water for more than 1 day
3. Weakness
4. Extremely lethargic
5. Vomiting
6. Diarrhea

### **Children**

Due to your pet's grogginess or discomfort, children may be bitten or scratched when trying to comfort or hold your pet. Caution and adult supervision are recommended. Do not let small children handle pet for 2 days.

### **Neuter (Males)**

- Keep your pet confined indoors for 2 to 3 days
- **CATS:** No sutures were used in this surgery
- **DOGS:** Receive dissolvable sutures
- **DOGS:** Male dogs go home with an E-collar to reduce licking. E-collar is to be worn at ALL time for 7-10 days
- Monitor the surgery site (scrotal area) for excessive swelling, licking, or any discharge or foul order. Mild swelling is okay. Apply ice pack, wrapped in towel to the scrotal area 3-5 days, 5-10 minutes each time. If swelling is excessive, please call clinic to schedule a recheck appointment.

### **Spay (Females)**

- **CATS:** Keep your pet confined indoors for 2 to 3 days
- **DOGS:** Keep your pet confined indoors for 7-10 days
- Sutures are absorbed and are under the skin
- Monitor the surgery site (abdomen). A small, hard painless lump is to be expected as the body begins to dissolve the stitches. If the lump is soft, painful, red, or has a discharge or your pet is licking excessively, please call clinic to schedule a recheck appointment

### **Other**

- Males may remain fertile for 2 weeks after surgery and should remain indoors
- Do not clean the incision as you may introduce infection. The incision needs to remain dry.
- Do not put any ointment on the incisions unless instructed by a veterinarian. This may encourage licking and cause damage to the incision
- No baths or water exposure for 2 weeks after surgery
- **DOGS:** Male and female dogs receive a pain injection which is good for 24 hours following surgery. They do go home with pain medications to be given **STARTING THE FOLLOWING DAY.**
- Shivering is normal for the next 24 hours as the anesthesia is expelled from the body
- Limit activity (jumping, running and stairs)
- **DOGS:** If this is the first time your pet has been vaccinated with 5-in-1, we recommend a booster in 3 weeks by a full service veterinarian
- **CATS:** If this is the first time your pet has been vaccinated with 3-in-1, we recommend a booster in 3 weeks by a full service veterinarian
- We highly recommend your pet NOT be left alone until the next morning after surgery. Your pet should be periodically monitored to ensure continued recovery

## In Case of Emergency contact:



### **VE+CC**

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Tropicana & Durango

Ste. b-104 Las Vegas, NV 89147

**Phone:** 702-262-7070

**Hours:** OPEN 24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR

### **North Rainbow Veterinary Emergency Hospital**

4445 N. Rainbow Blvd

Craig & Rainbow

Las Vegas, NV 89108

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**Hours:** Mon-Sun 6PM-8AM

24 Hrs On Holidays

### **Eastern Veterinary Emergency Hospital**

8405 S. Eastern Ave.

Between Windmill & Wigwam

Las Vegas, Nv 89123

**Phone:** 702-262-7090

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Sat, Sun, & Holidays: 24 hours