

General Information

Your pet has just undergone surgery to remove his reproductive organs (testicles). He will require some special care over the next few days, due to the after-effects of the anesthetic and to prevent complications at the incision site.

Due to the effects of the anesthetic, your pet may be sleepy for 24-48 hours and may not have a bowel movement for 2-3 days. Most animals return to "normal" within about 3 days.

Important Points To Remember

1. Keep your pet in a warm quiet environment for the next 24 hours. He could be disoriented, so allow him outside only for short periods of time and only under close supervision.
2. Feed lightly (about 1/2 normal amount) the first morning home. Limit water to small amounts at a time.
3. Restrict your dog's exercise for 5 days (no excessive jumping or romping).
4. Observe the incision daily for 5 days, looking for unusual swelling or discharge.

* Dogs have sutures that are buried under the skin and do not need removal. If your dog licks at the surgery site excessively we will provide you with a low-cost collar to prevent him from damaging the incision.

* Cats do not have sutures, and should be mostly healed in 3-5 days. Replace regular litter with shredded newspaper in your cat's litter box for the next 3 days.

