



## THE PHILIPPINE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, INC

PAWS Animal Rehabilitation Center  
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### PRE OPERATIVE CARE

- **Cats and dogs should be at least 6 months and to be able to undertake the surgery.** If the cat/ dog have just given birth, they could be spayed/ neutered after 2 months. If they are still breastfeeding, allow a month to pass before cat/dog could undertake surgery.
- Cats can be spayed if they are in heat and dogs cannot be spayed when in heat. Let this pass by and you could schedule an appointment with us.
- **We recommend having a blood test for your pet 1 week before the scheduled date.** You have an option to have the test be done at PAWS clinic or any clinic nearest you and results should be send to [bing.manzano@paws.org.ph](mailto:bing.manzano@paws.org.ph), [sharon.yap@paws.org.ph](mailto:sharon.yap@paws.org.ph), and [pawsp inquiries@gmail.com](mailto:pawsp inquiries@gmail.com) for our vet to evaluate.
- The drop off time at the clinic is from 10am to 12nn unless otherwise advised. Pets must be picked-up the same day before 6pm unless otherwise advised.
- **Each animal must have their own clean carrier or cage.** Please clearly label the carrier/cage with the animal's name.
- All dogs must be on leashes.
- **Your pet must fast from 10:00 pm onwards a day before the surgery date. Strictly no food or water given during this time.**
- Animals need to be in good health, if your pet is showing any signs of illness such as coughing, sneezing, runny eyes or diarrhea they will be declined for surgery. Re-schedule surgery when your pet is well.
- Payment must be made at drop-off.

### POST OPERATIVE CARE

- Your pet has undergone a major surgical procedure, which included general anesthesia. Expect him/her to be quiet than normal for the next 24 hours. Allow your pet time to recover from the surgery in a quiet and ventilated room, with as little disturbance overnight. **You may place your pet inside a big cage or recovery cage for minimal movements.** Give the animal a small portion of food and water on return home, once your pet is in a normal state (can walk and stand properly). **Pets must be kept indoors where they can stay clean, dry and comfortable. Avoid contact with other pets and children until the following morning.**
- **It is advisable to place an e-collar on your pet, especially for females, so that they won't be licking the surgery area. Do not let your pet lick the area so that the stitch won't open (for females).**
- Recovery period for cats lasts for 2 to 3 days unless there is an advice from the doctor. For dogs, recovery period is at least 1 week and for female pregnant dogs, it will be for 2 weeks. Please observe and keep an eye on them during recovery.
- If your cat was in heat when she was spayed, she will continue to attract males during this time. Keep her away from male cats during her recovery so that she isn't accidentally injured.
- Their appetite should return gradually in the next 24 hours. Try to limit their activity.
- **Stitches are dissolvable; they do not need to be removed. Male cats/ dogs do not have stitches. Check your pet's incision daily look for any bleeding, pus, severe swelling, or any kind of seepage from the incision.**
- **The incision needs to be kept dry for a minimum of 14 days. Please do not bathe your pet during this time or apply any products to the incision.**
- All dogs should be walked only. Please prevent your dog from running, climbing, and playing with other dogs. The incision needs time to heal and heavy exercise could cause tearing or stretching, which could lead to infection. Any urine "marking" behavior of male pets should subside after sterilization, but this can take a few weeks.
- **If you noticed anything unusual with your pet during the recovery period at home, immediately go to the nearest 24 hour vet clinic. Do update PAWS the next day for what has transpired. (Note: PAWS is open from 10 to 5 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays)**

### POST OPERATIVE CARE FOR FERAL CATS

- Once back home, males can be released in approximately 12 hours. Females however, should be allowed to rehab for at least 3 nights before releasing them. Keep cages covered at all times to keep them calm, avoid eye contact and any noise.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Admin's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_