ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS

704-527-2030

POST-OPERATIVE / POST MEDICAL PROCEDURE HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS:	
FOR:	
Your pet has been anesthetized for a SPAY (female), NEUTER (male), DENTAL,	
or other procedure.	
Give water 2 hours after taking your Pet HOME. If your pet holds this down, you can offer a small	our pet holds this down, you can offer a small
amount of solid food.	
Anesthesia may cause nausea and vomiting for up to 24 hours after surgery or medical procedure.	
If no vomiting occurs, feed your pet's regular diet the following morning.	
SPAYS and NEUTERS we recommend NO EXCESSIVE exercise or playing for 7 days.	
Also, wait at least 7 daysbefore bathing.	
Suture Removal:	
• Sutures are internal and will dissolve; this can take up to 14 days.	
A return visit is not necessary.	
• Suture Removal required in 10 days. (No charge unless sedation required.) Please schedule	
an appointment for this.	
PAIN MEDICATION IS USUALLY NOT NEEDED. The drugs we use will help control your pets comfort le	evel
If necessary, the doctor will send medication home with you.	
NEVER give ASPIRIN, TYLENOL or IBUPROFEN to YOUR CAT.	
CALL US BEFORE GIVING ANY NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION TO YOUR PET.	
Notify the hospital for instructions if your pet excessively licks the incision or the area appears swollen	
or infected.	
A restraint collar is sometimes required. Please consult with us before doing so.	
Notify the clinic if any of the following occur:	
• Vomiting after 24 hours	
• Diarrhea.	

- Refusal to eat after 48 hours.
- Severe pain.
- Any evidence of bleeding or excessive swelling.(some swelling will occur)
- Continuous licking or pulling at the sutures.

WE APPRECIATE YOU TRUSTING US WITH YOUR PETS HEALTH. PLEASE CALL US ANYTIME and VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.BESTVETCHARLOTTE.COM