



Information regarding the postoperative care of (laparoscopically) sterilising your dog

Anaesthesia

- The used anaesthesia for this procedure is a combination of injection- and gas anaesthesia. Because your dog has had a tube in the windpipe for the gas anaesthesia, she can cough a little for a few days.
- A special ointment has been used to protect the eyes during the anaesthesia, therefore the eyelids can still be a little wet/greasy. In some cases, the eyes can appear to be a little bit red, this will resolve without any interference needed.
- Your dog can still be a little bit lethargic when returning home. It is best to place her in a warm place (not right next to a heat source such as the heating, or directly in the sun, as they will have difficulties regulating their temperature) and let her rest as much as possible. As she can be a little lethargic it is important to make sure that she cannot injure herself when for example trying to stand up. If your dog is restless, she might need to pee. If your dog is still very lethargic the next day, please contact the clinic.

Eating/drinking

- On the day of the procedure, it is important to not let your dog eat anything until late in the evening, otherwise there is a risk of choking. The assistant will tell you when it is safe to let her eat again. When offering her food, it is important to give small portions of food and water, and only when you yourself are present to make sure she does not choke. Do not feed her with a syringe (risk of choking). Remove the food and water in the night, as there is always a small chance of drowning.
- The metabolism of your dog will change after the castration, and she will be more prone to gaining weight. Therefore, it is important to feed her less than he received before the surgery. Our food consultant (veterinary nurse) will be happy to provide advice.

Medication

- Today, your dog has already received several injections to prevent pain.
- Any additional medication should be given following the instructions on the medication box.

Wound

- Slight swelling of the area around the wound is not worrisome. However, if the area feels warm, is very red and swollen and/or you see pus, it is best to contact our clinic to schedule a check-up. If you have any concerns regarding the healing of the wound: feel free to contact us! There are no stitches in the wound.

Cone / pet shirt

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- A cone or special pet shirt (available with us) can help to protect the wound from licking or scratching. Our veterinarians can advise you on the best option.

Bandage

- If still present, the small bandage on the front paw (from the IV) should be removed when you arrive home.

Movement

- For 5-7 days, walk your dog on a leash for short distances and avoid quick movements. After this, slowly increase the movement.
- For 14 days, don't wash her, let her swim or use a topical (on the skin) anti-flea treatment
- After around 10 days, the stitches need to be removed. You can plan an appointment for this with the assistant. There are no costs for the stitch removal.

For questions we are available during our [opening hours](#).
Outside of these hours, the [emergency veterinarian](#) is available.





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