**•Monitor incision daily for redness, swelling, or discharge**. Please call if any of these signs occur so that we can recheck the incision.

**•Please limit activity for 2 weeks**. Dogs should only take **short controlled leash walks**. **No running or jumping is allowed for 2 weeks**. Activity can be increased slowly after 2 weeks and your pet can go back to **normal activity after 3 weeks**. No bathing for at least 2 weeks.

•Please **do not allow your pet to lick the incision**. If your pet is excessively licking the incision, it may turn bright shiny red in color, or worse yet they may open the incision. If your pet is licking the incision, please protect it by using an Elizabethan (e-collar) collar. Sometimes your pet can wear a t-shirt or pet diaper/shorts to keep them from licking the incision. This can be used as an alternative to the e-collar. E-collars are available here if your pet should need one.

•For most routine spays and neuters, no suture removal is required. The skin is closed via a layer of stiches just under the skin and some surgical tissue glue.

⃝ If this circle is checked, we had to use sutures in the skin. If the circle is checked, your pet needs to return here or to your regular veterinarian for suture removal in about 14 days.

•Your pet may be a bit sedate today after surgery. Please keep them is a safe location where they cannot fall down stairs, into water etc., until they are full recovered.

•We recommend that once your pet is home that you only **allow water in small amounts**. **Once fully awake**, we recommend that you **only allow a small meal today**. This is recommended because when some pets return home after surgery they may tend to drink water in large amounts or gulp food which can lead to vomiting. You can have your pet **resume normal water and meals tomorrow.**

•If your pet had vaccines today you need to monitor for any signs of allergic reaction which could include repeated vomiting with or without diarrhea, trouble breathing, or sudden weakness/collapse. Another sign of delayed allergic reaction would be a swollen itchy face/ears. Please call if any of these signs occur.

•Your pet was given some pain reliever prior to or during surgery. The following has been prescribed as an additional pain reliever for your pet: **Carprofen** **Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please give \_\_**\_**\_\_\_\_ tablet(s) by mouth ***ONCE*** (every 24 hours) daily until gone. If any vomit or loss of appetite occurs, please stop the medication and call. You can start the medication beginning tonight between 4-5pm.

**After Hours Care or Emergencies**

Mountain Valley Spay Neuter & Vaccine Clinic is a low cost surgical and vaccination clinic and may not always be open/available/equipped for certain emergencies if needed. **WE ALWAYS RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAINTAIN A CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR REGULAR VETERINARIAN.** If a surgical issue or emergency arises, you may contact us at 610-377-3949. If we are not available, and **you believe that there is a post-surgical issue or emergency, you are directed to seek care from your primary veterinarian or a 24-hour veterinary emergency center.** Please understand that **there will be costs associated with care, and that you will be responsible for those costs**. I understand all of these instructions:

**Signature X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Date**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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