



The Joy Clinic

507-A Jim Draper Blvd. • Lebanon, TN 37087

(615) 281-0664

YOUR PET MUST BE PICKED UP TODAY BY 4:00 P.M.

You will be charged \$20 per night boarding for any pet not picked up by 4:00 P.M.

POST OPERATIVE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Your pet has just undergone general anesthesia and surgical sterilization. For the safety and well-being of you and your pet, we ask that you read and carefully follow these instructions:

1. **Restrict your pet's activity** for the next seven days. Do not allow excessive running, jumping, or playing. Your pet should stay indoors for at least the next 2-3 days.
2. **Keep your pet out of extreme temperatures** (hot or cold). It is best that your pet recovers indoors. If that is not possible, provide adequate shelter and shade. Make sure your pet has clean and dry bedding.
3. **Check your pet's incision at least twice daily** until healed. Redness and swelling should be minimal. Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the incision. If you are unable to prevent your pet from licking, we recommend that you purchase a \$5.00 E-collar before taking your pet home. You may also obtain the collar at any full service vet clinic or pet supply store such as PetSmart or Pet Co. E-Collar should stay on pet for 5-7 days, or until incision looks healed up.
4. **Do not allow your pet to get wet** for 7 days after surgery. This includes bathing.
5. **Do not change your pet's diet at this time** and do not give table scraps, milk or any other people food during the recovery period. This could mask post-surgical complications. Your pet's normal appetite should return gradually over the next 24 hours. It is NOT an emergency if your pet does not eat upon returning home from surgery.
6. **If your pet was in heat at the time of surgery, keep her away from males for 2 weeks.**
7. Your pet may be quieter than normal for a few days after surgery. Lethargy (No eating, drinking, pooping, or pottying) lasting more than 24 hours after surgery is not normal, Please call or text the highlighted number below.
8. **DO NOT give Aspirin or Tylenol** to your pet for pain relief. They can be harmful.
9. Sutures are absorbable and do not require removal. Incisions on all females will be marked with green tattoo ink that will permanently identify the incision.
10. **Do not transport your pet home from the clinic in the open bed of a truck.**

Please contact us immediately if you notice continued bleeding, swelling, or opening at the incision line at **(615) 390-0505**.

After-hour **emergency** calls or texts about your pet that just had surgery: **(615) 390-0505**
(Note: *PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE. The technician returning the emergency call may not be the tech that was at Joy Clinic at the time of surgery. Please explain your situation to the technician when you call.*)

(Please be courteous and do not call unless an actual emergency).

We will treat any post-op complications resulting directly from the surgery, as long as the above instructions are followed. We cannot be held responsible for complications resulting from failure to follow post-op instructions, injuries, or for contagious diseases for which the animal was not previously properly vaccinated.

You will be given paperwork that documents all procedures that were performed and vaccinations administered.

*For safe flea and tick control, our veterinarian recommends Frontline or Advantage. Over the counter treatments and collars are ineffective and can be harmful to your pet. For the health & well-being of other pets at the clinic, if your pet arrives with fleas, we will administer preventative and **you will be charged \$2.00 for the treatment.***

After-hours Emergency Veterinary Care

If your pet requires after-hour, emergency care as recommended by our on-call Veterinary Assistant, the following are emergency clinics in the Nashville area:

Please note, the clinics listed are **not** affiliated with The Joy Clinic, and you will be responsible for the bill (unless the emergency is deemed a direct result of surgery by our Veterinarian or the Assistant).

Animal Medical Center

234 River Rock Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
(615) 867.7575

Nashville Pet Emergency Clinic, Inc.

2000 12th Ave S.
Nashville, TN 37204
(615) 383.2600

Nashville Veterinary Specialist and Emergency Services

2971 Sidco Drive
Nashville, TN 37204
(615) 386.0107

Open: Monday-Friday 6pm to 7 am
Weekends: Saturday noon until Monday
7am

Thank you for being a part of the solution to
pet overpopulation!