

Potential Complications of Spay/Neuter Surgery

Common:

- Scrotal swelling and bruising in male dogs that resolve without treatment.
- Self inflicted trauma to the surgery site, this includes suture removal by the animal, skin infections caused by licking or contact with unclean surfaces, and other damage. These problems can be prevented by discouraging your dog from licking and purchasing and placing a cone over its head if uncontrollable.
- Hematoma or Seroma (a collection of blood or fluid) around the surgery site or in the scrotum, that will cause enlargement of the scrotum, but will resolve over time.
- Minor swelling or redness around the incision, often related to minor reaction to the absorb-able sutures, this will also resolve over time without treatment.

Uncommon:

- Anesthetic or surgical complications resulting in death.
- Other anesthetic or surgical complications resolving with treatment.
- Hernias resulting from breakdown of suture requiring surgical repair.
- Internal bleeding during or after surgery that can result in death.
- Surgical site infections at or around the suture site.
- Internal adhesions (scarring) that could impair gastrointestinal or urinary tract function.
- Possibility of other unforeseen complications.

Discharge: Your pet will be discharged at _____ pm. You must pick up your pet at this time. If not, you will be charged \$25 per day, and you may be required to pick up your pet at another location. Initial _____

Additional Fees: There is an additional fee of \$25 if your dog is over 65 lbs., or if your female dog is in heat or pregnant. There is an additional fee of \$45 if your male dog or cat has an undescended testicle(s). You will be responsible for this fee at pick up. There is no additional charge for in heat or pregnant female cats. Initial _____

The information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge, I authorize and direct Spay Neuter Express and Animal Hospital of Lowell, and its veterinarians and other employees to treat my pet. I understand the nature of these procedures and no guarantee has been implied or made as to the results or cure. I understand that there may be risk involved in the treatment of my pet, including death. I have read the "Potential Complications of Spay/Neuter Surgery" above. I further understand that during the course of the operations or procedures, unforeseen conditions may arise that may necessitate the performance of additional procedures or use of additional medications at an additional charge. I understand that under no circumstances will I be reimbursed for any charges, fees or costs related to any sort of aftercare or complications. I will read the discharge instructions and will be responsible for the care of my pet. I authorize and direct the doctors and staff of Spay Neuter Express to perform anesthesia, surgery and other treatment for my pet.

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SIGNATURE

DATE