



PURPLE CAT

Veterinary Clinic

Before Surgery Instructions for DOGS

- All dogs **must** be current on rabies and distemper vaccinations prior to their surgery appointment. Bring proof of vaccinations with you to your appointment.
- Bring the following form filled out and signed (printed from website purplecatvet.com)
Purple Cat DOG Surgical Consent Form (one per dog)
- Remove food by midnight the night before surgery. Puppies less than 4 months and all TOY BREEDS: remove food morning of appointment.
- Remove water the morning of surgery.
- Take your dog out to go to the bathroom in the morning prior to surgery.
- Your dog **must** be on a leash or in a secure crate upon arrival to the clinic.
- You paid for your dog's surgery online and we have a record of that.
- Additional services offered and not yet paid for include home sedation for excitable dogs, antibiotics if necessary, and e. collars. These costs range from \$15-\$35 each.
- **Please note: Dr. Angie Ruppel will perform your dog's surgery. Rest assured she has had 20 years of veterinary experience and has performed thousands of surgeries in that time. Even when everything goes well, complications can occur. THESE COMPLICATIONS ARE RARE. Complications include blood loss, infection, dehiscence (incision coming open), ovarian remnants (unusual ovary tissue that is not connected to main ovary) scrotal hematoma (large pocket of blood where testicles once were-this is most common in older, large breed, excitable dogs). Most complications can be avoided by following our after-surgery instructions closely-see below.**

After Surgery Instructions for DOGS

- Do not leave Purple Cat clinic without confirming that you have the surgery record. You will want to take this to your vet for record keeping. It will also be needed when licensing your dog. Copies can be obtained for \$10.
- Before leaving, check your surgery record to make sure information is accurate and **doctor has signed**.
- **Keep your surgery record in a safe spot.** Taking a photo with your phone will help you when a landlord or veterinarian asks for proof of sterilization. Purple Cat charges **\$10 per surgery** form that is requested after the clinic date.
- **Do not bathe or get incision wet for 10-14 days. Doing so will result in infection and additional costs to you.**
- **Monitor the incision** by checking it twice daily for swelling, discharge or redness around the surgical area. It is not uncommon for a suture reaction to occur on spay incisions. This will look like a firm or soft lump at the surgery incision. It may be the size of a golf ball. It will **not** be painful. It will **not** be red. It will **not** be moist. If this lump is painful/red/moist/bothersome to your dog, **text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989** and send a picture.
- There are no sutures to be removed. All sutures are buried under the incision unless otherwise noted.
- **Keep your dog inside and limit activity (running, jumping or playing) for a minimum of 10 days. Walk your dog on a leash to go out to go to the bathroom. Failure to limit activity will result in significant bleeding and bruising and additional costs to you for treatment.**
- You may feed a **small meal this evening. Water may be offered when you get home.** It is normal if your dog is not hungry today. **If they do not eat by 9 am tomorrow morning, please text Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989.**
- **Your dog is going home with prescription pain medication.** Follow instructions provided to you. Do not give aspirin, tylenol or ibuprofen. **Do not give this pain medication if your dog is taking a steroid (prednisone).** Please inform our staff if your dog is on a steroid. Prednisone is a common allergy medication.
- **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO LICK THE INCISION. This will lead to infection and opening of the sutures and will result in additional care and additional costs to you.** TEXT Dr. Angie at 715-419-1989 immediately if you notice this behavior. Cover with a child's t-shirt or obtain an e. collar at your local pet store if needed.