

## Home Care After Your Pet's Desexing

- \* Keep your pet warm, either inside or sheltered from the elements.
- \* Make sure that your pet is not disturbed by other members of the family, including other animals.
- \* Your pet may be drowsy for 24 - 48 hours after surgery.
- \* Your pet may have a decreased appetite for 24 hours. Feed small amounts and have plenty of fresh water available.
- \* Shaved areas of surgery and injection sites should grow back within 3 - 6 weeks.
- \* If your pet has had a desexing or microchip tattoo, there will be green ink in one or both ears.  
It is best to allow this to dry and wear off rather than try to wash it off. It should wear off in 1 - 2 weeks.
- \* **DO NOT LET YOUR PET PULL OUT THE STITCHES!!**
- \* An ELIZABETHAN COLLAR / BUCKET is recommended if excessive licking or biting at the sutures occurs.
- \* If any dressings have been placed over the wound these can be removed at home after 3 days. If a piece of tape and cotton wool has been placed over the IV site, this can be removed at home after 1 hour.
- \* Bring your pet for suture removal in 10 days: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* No jumping or exercise until the stitches are removed.
- \* If dissolving sutures used, they will dissolve in 3-6 months after surgery.
- \* Any discharge or swelling must be seen by the Veterinarian.
- \* Watch for urine / faecal output and food and water intake.
- \* Watch for any unusual behaviour of your pet.
- \* Dogs will receive a desexing certificate for council registration purposes.
- \* PLEASE CALL IF THERE ARE ANY CONCERNS OR FURTHER QUESTIONS.