

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear: \_\_\_\_\_,

Your \_\_\_\_\_ has been spayed through an incision in her abdomen. This procedure involves internal surgery and therefore needs care for sometime after the event. Unfortunately \_\_\_\_\_'s do not always understand they must rest so we need you to assist us with \_\_\_\_\_'s recovery.

### **Immediately After**

When you pick \_\_\_\_\_ up from our hospital she may be a little drowsy. This is quite normal following an anaesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness should reduce over the next 12 – 24 hours. There will be some bruising, the same as in humans, so she should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days.

### **What to do**

Keep \_\_\_\_\_ in a quiet, warm place and give only small amounts to eat and drink. She will be back to normal in a couple of days.

### **Take care**

Most \_\_\_\_\_ have recovered fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that \_\_\_\_\_ may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything she can to upset the surgery and / or sutures. Please try to keep \_\_\_\_\_ as quiet as possible until the sutures are removed.

### **Problems**

Generally there are very few complications after the operation, however, there are some signs to watch for that may indicate a problem.

1. Dull and listless (especially after the first 24 hours)
2. Excessive redness or irritation around the suture line
3. Swelling or lumpiness around suture

If you notice any of these signs please do not hesitate to call our clinic. We are interested in \_\_\_\_\_'s well being so please feel free to call us.

**Note:** \_\_\_\_\_ will need his/her sutures taken out in 10 days so please arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

**Hospital Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_  
for **Tamworth Veterinary Hospital**