## Caring For Your Male Pet After De-Sexing Surgery

Your Dog has been castrated which involved surgery in a very sensitive area and therefore needs care for sometime after the event. Unfortunately Dogs do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with his recovery.

#### Immediately After

When you pick him up from our hospital he 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 humans, so she should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days.  Keep him in a quiet, warm place and give only small amounts to eat and drink. He will be back to normal in a couple of days.

#### Take care

Most Dogs have recovered fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that he may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything that he can to upset the surgery and / or sutures. Please try to keep him 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 irritated 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.

Please note: Male dogs go home with stitches after desexing surgery and these will need to be removed **10 days** after surgery. There is no charge for suture removal so please feel free to call in and see us to have the stitches removed,

**NOTE: Male cats DO NOT go home with stitches as their de-sexing surgery is a performed differently to male dogs. Therefore male cats DO NOT require suture removal.**