## Caring For Your Female Pet After De-sexing Surgery

Your pet has been De-sexed through an incision in her abdomen. This procedure involves internal surgery and therefore needs care for some time after the event. Unfortunately our pets do not always understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with their recovery.

#### Immediately After

When you pick your pet 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 humans, so she should not be expected to be completely normal for a few days. Keep your pet 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

Usually most dogs & Cats have recovered fully within a few days. Unfortunately this does have some disadvantages in that she may start jumping, running around and generally trying to do everything that she can to upset the surgery and / or sutures. Please try to keep her 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. Red 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 us.

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