

Use of collars and pet shirts for wound and skin protection.

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HEALING TIMELINE 	1 Immediate (0 – 48 hrs)	2 Early Recovery (2 – 4 days)	3 Tissue Repair (5 – 21 days)	4 Maturation (21 – 60 days)
	 Hospital	 Home	 Home	 Home
 CLINICAL WARNING SIGNS What to look for	Monitor for exudate, discomfort	Inflammatory peak at 2–4 days post op.	Monitor for signs of wound breakdown, inflammation, exudate.	Monitor for signs of interference, irritation, itching, redness, scar tissue.
 STANDARD ELECTIVE SURGERY (Spay, Neuter) Protection choice	E Collar / Soft Collar & Pet Shirt	Soft Collar & Pet Shirt	Pet Shirt until suture removal	N/A
 WOUND RECONSTRUCTION Protection choice	E Collar & Pet Shirt	Soft Collar & Pet Shirt	Pet Shirt until suture removal	Pet Shirt to protect scar tissue until tensile strength improves. (Up to 60 days)
 WOUND HEALING BY SECOND INTENTION Protection choice	E Collar & Pet Shirt	Soft Collar & Pet Shirt	Pet Shirt and appropriate wound dressings. Use shirt once wound has healed to protect scar tissue until tensile strength improves.	
 SKIN PROTECTION e.g. associated with dermatological issues	 Pet Shirt in combination with appropriate treatment – continuous monitoring and assessment of condition. 			



KEY REMINDER:

Every patient is different. Always tailor protection and monitoring to the individual and their wound.

