

DIET

- Give only small amounts of water at frequent intervals. Offer a few laps every 15-30 minutes for the first 6 hours after you take your pet home.
- Offer a small amount of their regular meal in the evening following surgery. If they hold it down over an hour, try offering the remainder of their regular dinner.
- If they are not interested in eating their evening meal, try again in the morning.
- Regular diet the morning after surgery, unless otherwise specified by your veterinarian.
- If vomiting occurs, please call the hospital. Give nothing else by mouth as long as vomiting continues.

ACTIVITY

Drowsiness may be noted today and tomorrow. Medications administered following surgery may cause some drowsiness. Keep the pet in a protected environment so that it does not get hurt, avoid stairs or elevated surfaces.

- Keep totally confined. NO EXERCISE until next recheck visit.
- Leash walk only. No running around unsupervised.
- RESTRICT EXERCISE. No running, no jumping and no climbing stairs for 10-14 days. Exercise on a leash only.
- Outdoor animals should be confined indoors for 14 days.
- Additional medications may be prescribed to help keep them calm during the recovery period.

INCISION CARE

- Examine the incision at least once daily
- Watch the incision for redness, swelling, pain to the touch, colored discharge (a small amount of clear to blood tint fluid can be normal).
- Wear an Elizabethan collar/bodysuit at all times to prevent licking and chewing on the incision.
- Apply nothing to the incision unless otherwise instructed.
- Do not attempt to clean the incision.

MEDICATION

- Medications that are sent home will be specific to each patient's procedure.
- Not all of the below medications will be sent home with every pet. Please refer to your treatment plan for the most accurate list.
- Give sedatives as directed.
- Give antibiotics as directed.
- Give pain medicine as directed.
- Apply topical medication as directed.
- Use other medications as directed.

BANDAGES

- Please check the bandage or splint daily.
- Keep clean and dry. Tape a plastic bag around the bottom of the bandage or splint when you go outside to keep it clean and dry.
- Notify the hospital if you observe any swelling, odor or discharge.
- Keep the pet confined to prevent damage to the bandage/splint.
- Discourage chewing. Call the office if this becomes a problem.

WHEN TO CALL OUR OFFICE

- Please call the office if your pet refuses to eat, drink, or urinate after 24 hours.
- If your pet does not pass a bowel movement within 72 hours, call our office.
- Call us if your pet is licking or chewing at the incision site, or if there is redness, swelling, pain to the touch, colored discharge.
- Call us if your pet is refusing the prescribed medication.
- Recheck in _____ days.
- Please call the office for an appointment.

Please call us if you have any questions. Our major concern is the comfort of your pet. We will do everything possible to ensure your pet's recovery. Please remember pets do not understand and may cause or self-inflict damage to themselves.

THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL COST OF THE ANESTHESIA, SUPPLIES, MEDICATIONS AND/OR ANTIBIOTICS NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF ANY COMPLICATIONS OF THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE.



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POST SURGERY TREATMENT

Treatment and Care Instructions