



FOUR COUNTY
— VETERINARY SERVICES —

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DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

Patient: %patientname% %clientlastname%

Date: %MMMM_dd_yyyy%

Restriction in Activity

- Please restrict activity this evening. Keep your pet away from stairs and jumping on and off of furniture for the first 8-12 hrs at home.
- No running, jumping, or playing for the next 14 days
- Leash walk only for eliminations outside for 14 days

Medications

If your pet is being sent home with medications (pain meds, antibiotics, sedatives, etc), please give them as directed. If any stomach upset or side effects occur, please call our office.

Precautions That Should Be Observed After General Anesthesia

- Your pet may be groggy for about 12 hours after anesthesia. Therefore, it is important to assist your pet when getting into or out of automobiles, and walking and climbing up or down steps. At home, confine your pet to prevent accidents.
- Pacing, disorientation, and vocalization may occur on recovery. These signs may persist for 6-8 hours or more. Call your clinician if abnormal behavior persists.
- Food and water may be given (unless otherwise instructed by the clinician), but should be given only in small amounts for the first 6-8 hrs.
- As the anesthetic agents wear off, your pet may experience slight discomfort. If your pet is in severe pain, contact us, your veterinarian, or the emergency clinic immediately.
- It is best to restrict children from pets for 18 to 24 hours; your pet may experience residual anesthesia and possible postoperative pain.
- Do not give your pets any non prescription medications. (i.e. tylenol, advil, aspirin, etc.)
- A sore throat or cough may be caused by the endotracheal tube (tube placed down the wind-pipe for general anesthesia). This usually lasts no longer than 24 hours. If it persists, please consult your veterinarian.

Home Care Instructions for Surgical Incisions

Your pet has an incisional wound(s):

- Please check your pet's incision site daily and take notice of any changes in appearance. Seroma (collection of bloody fluid) or dehiscence (break down and opening of the incision) are possible complications, especially with too

much activity or tension at the surgery site.

- A certain amount of redness and swelling is normal for many wounds/incisions and is actually necessary for healing to begin. A noticeable increase in the degree of redness, pain, swelling, or drainage should be reported to your veterinarian or surgeon. It may or may not be a problem.
- Warm, soapy water is much preferred if wound cleaning is necessary.
- Your pet should not be allowed to lick, bite or chew at the incision site. If you find it impossible to stop your pet from doing this you should come in to the hospital and obtain an "Elizabethan" collar which is placed around the neck in order to prevent your pet from bothering the incision.
- There may be a bandage on the front leg that is a "band-aid" for where the intravenous catheter was placed for anesthesia. It can be removed in 2 hours. Just find the leading edge of the bandage material and un-wrap it. If bleeding occurs just apply some gentle pressure for a few seconds or so.

Please schedule a follow up appointment before leaving with your pet if one is needed.