



Surgical Care Information and Instructions

Your pet underwent a Surgical Procedure today. Because of the anesthetic drugs used for the procedure, your pet may experience some drowsiness and/or nausea. Please keep your pet calm and rested the first few days after surgery to speed healing. You will also need to observe the incision site daily to be sure the area is healing.

Please contact our office if any of the following occur (not limited to):

- Lethargy lasting more than 24 hours
- Loss of appetite for more than 24 hours
- Labored breathing
- Discharge or bleeding from the incision site (some redness and swelling is normal)
- Vomiting more than 12 hours after surgery
- Severe pain, depression, or weakness

Pain Medications:

If your pet received a pain injection that will last for 24 hours and you received additional pain medications to take home, please start them the morning AFTER surgery, unless instructed otherwise.

Antibiotics:

If your pet received antibiotics, start them the night of the procedure with a small amount of food.

Sutures:

If your pet has external sutures, please schedule an appointment for suture removal in 10-14 days.

E-collars must remain on pet for 10-14 days, or until sutures are removed to prevent licking and chewing at incision site

Some procedures have internal/buried sutures and may not be removed

Aftercare Instructions:

Please do NOT bathe or allow your pet in water for 10-14 days after surgery.

Restrict pet from strenuous activity for 10-14 days or time suggested by DVM.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your pets recovery, please call 940-365-9430.

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