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Post Surgical Homecare Instructions

What happened while your pet was here for surgery?

During your pet's surgical visit, he/she received the following procedures to provide the safest care. Initially your pet was observed and her vitals were recorded. Then a pre-anesthetic sedative injection was given. Immediately before surgery, an intravenous induction agent was given and an endotracheal tube was placed to provide inhaled anesthesia. During his/her surgical procedure, an assistant worked in conjunction with a computerized veterinary monitor to record your pet's vitals while under anesthesia. Post operatively your pet received a complimentary nail trim and was monitored during her recovery. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any staff member.

How should I care for him/her after we go home?

Your pet may be given food & water this evening; normal eating & drinking may not appear until tomorrow, this is okay. (A small amount of vomit is not abnormal after anesthesia.)

Keep your pet from rough play, jumping, and away from other animals for 4 or 5 days. If your pet lives outdoors, keep him/her confined indoors for several days after surgery.

No baths or swimming for 10-14 days, or until incision is completely healed.

Give all medications dispensed according to label directions.

The sutures will dissolve over time, but do check the incision area twice a day to watch for infection. A small amount of redness or swelling is permitted, but an abnormal amount together with the presence of puss or any discharge should prompt you to call our office.

It is not uncommon to see a firm nodule at the surgery site 2-3 days post-op that may last for 3-4 days then begin to subside. This is merely a suture reaction.

Do not allow excessive licking of the area.

Please call with any questions or concerns, (866) 583-2858.

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