



Premier
VetCare

POST-ANESTHESIA HOME INSTRUCTIONS

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<serv-doctorname> was <animal>'s doctor today. Since your pet had anesthesia today please review the following instructions on caring for <him> tonight.

DIET:

- Give only small amounts water at frequent intervals tonight. You can offer a few laps every 15-30 minutes for the first 6 hours after you take <animal> home.
- In general do not feed <animal> any food until the morning after surgery.

You may feed <animal> a small meal after 8pm if the following apply:

- <animal> has a normal activity level.
 - If <he> has had no vomiting since coming home.
 - <animal> is acting starved and just will not wait till morning
- Regular diet morning after surgery.
 - If vomiting occurs once you get home or after <he> eats or drinks, give Pepto Bismol at a dosage of 1 teaspoon / 30 pounds. You can repeat this every 30 to 60 minutes for 3 doses if vomiting continues. Call the hospital if <animal> continues to vomit after the 3 doses. Give nothing else by mouth as long as vomiting continues.

ACTIVITY:

- Please restrain <animal> when leaving the clinic by using either a leash or a pet carrier, to prevent <him> from getting hurt or escaping.
- Drowsiness may be noted today and tomorrow.
- Medications administered following surgery may cause <animal> to be sleepy. Keep <animal> in a protected environment so that <he> stays warm and does not get hurt.
- <Animal> can go back to <his> regular activity, within reason, tomorrow if <he> is acting normal.

INCISION CARE:

- Watch any incisions for swelling, redness, or drainage. Apply nothing to the incision without our knowledge.
- Prevent excessive licking, and keep <him> in an environment that will keep incisions clean
- If <animal> has any open wounds, wash or flush the wounds with the prescribed medication as directed.

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MEDICATIONS:

- Give any pain medication prescribed as directed on the label.
- Give any antibiotics prescribed as directed on the label.
- Apply topical medication as directed.
- Use other medications prescribed as directed on the label.

OTHER GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Call for an Elizabethan collar if <animal> licks the sutures excessively. If after hours, they can be found at the pet stores as well.
- Many pets will not have bowel movements for 1 - 3 days after anesthesia. This is normal, provided <animal> is acting normal in all ways. If constipation is suspected, you can give one teaspoon of unused vegetable oil per 25 pounds of body weight once daily.
- **Recheck** in 5-7 Days as directed.
- **Recheck incisions and remove sutures in 10-14 days.** There is no additional charge for this procedure unless sedation is required.
- **Please do not give <him> a bath till any stitches are removed.** In the event <animal> must be bathed, apply Vaseline or antibiotic ointment to the incisions and shower <him>. Do not submerge in a bath.
- Our major concern is the comfort and healing of <animal>. Please call the clinic **ANY** time you have a question or concern.

Notify the clinic if you observe any of the following:

- Swelling, discharge, or opening of any incisions
- Loss of appetite for more than 2 days
- Refusal to drink water for more than 1 day
- Weakness or depression
- Vomiting or diarrhea after 24 hours

**Please feel free to contact us with any concerns
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