



Care of Your Pet Following Surgery or Hospitalization

Food and Water

With the excitement of coming home, your pet may be inclined to drink and eat excessively, which may result in vomiting. To avoid this, we recommend restricting access to food and water for an hour or so until your pet has quieted down. Then, allow only small amounts for the first eight hours.

Exercise and Activity

Do not allow your pet to become overly active and excited when you pick him/her up from the hospital. Patients recovering from surgery or illness should have limited exercise. Avoid access to stairs or situations that may lead to injury. Due to the effects of anesthesia, he/she may be groggy for 12 hours.

Your pet may resume normal exercise activity in 14 days.

Medications

If dispensed, it is important to follow labeled directions on bottle carefully.

Suture

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PET TO LICK, SCRATCH OR RUB EXCESSIVELY AT THE INCISION! (E-Collars are available if needed for \$10.) Please check the incision daily for any swelling, redness or discharge. If area appears irritated or infected, notify us immediately.

Sutures are absorbable and do not need to be removed unless you are told otherwise.

Appointment

Please make an appointment in the future if recheck is needed.

Monitor

A decrease in activity and appetite may be observed for one or two days. If your pet exhibits any of the following, please notify the hospital: * Loss of appetite for over two days * Refusal to drink water for one day *Weakness *Depression * Vomiting * Diarrhea * No bowel movements for greater than 36 hours

Additional Departing Instructions: ** No baths/ swimming for 14 days**