

General Anesthesia Discharge Instructions

Your pet is recovering from surgery and anesthesia and will need your help. Please adhere to the following instructions to ensure a quick and safe recovery.

When You Go Home:

Your pet may be quiet or sleepy for the rest of the day. This is completely normal. Please be sure to keep them in a confined area away from high items to prevent jumping.

Limit their activity and exercise. Discourage any jumping, chasing or other strenuous activity. If your pet is too active right after surgery, the healing process may be delayed and/or may lead to large swellings under the incision.

Feeding:

You may feed and water your pet normally today. Watch their appetite; it may be decreased for a few days after surgery. If a decrease in appetite persists for more than two days, please call the hospital.

Pain Management:

Look at the incision daily for one week. Watch for signs of pain, redness, swelling, discharge, bleeding, loss of stitches. Your pet should not lick excessively at the incision. If you notice any of these signs, please call the hospital.

Do not bathe, groom, or allow your pet to become wet for two weeks after surgery. Regular brushing is fine.

Do not give your pet any pain relievers such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Tylenol. These drugs may be toxic.

Depending on the procedure performed today, sutures may have been placed under or on top of the skin. Sutures under the skin will typically dissolve over 1 to 2 months and do not require removal. Visible sutures will need to be removed in 10-14 days. Please schedule a complimentary suture removal with one of our technicians.

If you feel your pet is experiencing pro-longed pain or discomfort, please call 651-426-2246 immediately.

