

Post Anesthesia or Surgery Instructions

Proper Restraint

Please protect your pet when leaving our hospital by using either a leash or carrier. Excessive excitement and activity may result in your pet getting loose or result in injury if your pet is recovering from surgery. Do not encourage your pet to become overly excited when you take them home.

Food and Water

With the excitement of returning home, your pet may be inclined to drink and eat excessively which could cause discomfort or vomiting. To avoid this, *we recommend restricting access to water for the first hour at home and then allowing small amounts for the first 12 hours (remember we have given IV fluids before and during the procedure). We also recommend only feeding half of the normal amount of food that first evening. Normal feeding and water may resume the next day.* If a special diet has been prescribed, please follow the doctor's instructions.

Exercise and Activity

Patients recovering from surgery should have limited exercise and we recommend that you prevent them from jumping up and down off furniture and stairs if they have stitches. If your pet seems a little tired the first evening home it is because they had a big day and also may still be slightly under the effect of pain medication that was given. Follow the doctor's recommendations for when you can resume normal exercise as well as activities like running, jumping and swimming.

Medications

If medication has been dispensed, it is important to follow the directions carefully and use all of the medicine. ****if any vomiting occurs after starting medications, stop the medication and call us immediately.*

Sutures

If your pet has sutures or a bandage, do not let them lick or chew at the area. Use an Elizabethan collar 24/7 if necessary and call us immediately to get one if needed. If the incision looks irritated or infected, please notify us immediately.

CALL US ANYTIME IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS