



## **EAR HEMATOMA**

### **HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS:**

- \*Keep your pet in an area where the wound drainage after surgery will not harm furniture and flooring.
- \*Give all prescribed medication as directed.
- \*The pocket needs to be encouraged to drain to heal collapsed (closed) on itself.
- \*After 5 days, wash ear daily with antibacterial soap to remove scabs and encourage drainage.

*The tube and stitches maybe removed in two weeks but sometimes it can take longer for the ear to heal. We remove the tube when the pocket is completely closed in around the tube and no more drainage is seen.*

**NOTE:** Your pet's ear will look very **THICK** and **SWOLLEN** for the first 5 days after surgery. Most ears show a greatly reduced swelling by the time of suture removal. It is very important you keep the scabs off so drainage can occur and the wound will heal from the inside out.

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