

Surgery Discharge Information Sheet

A surgical procedure was performed on your pet under general anesthesia today. It is normal for animals to experience a period of decreased activity and you should not be alarmed if your pet sleeps more than normal and eats less the first day after surgery. However, if your pet's appetite and activity level are significantly decreased for longer than 48 hours after surgery or is vomiting, please contact us at (843)-744-8927.

- Your pet has an incision that has been closed with dissolving stitches and surgical glue. You will not see any external stitches. Monitor the incision site daily for excessive redness, swelling, or discharge/drainage. The incision should stay clean and dry. Most patients will not notice their incision or only lick it occasionally. If your pet wants to lick at the incision a lot you will need to get an E-collar which goes around the neck and prevents licking of the surgery site. We have them in stock or you can purchase one at a local pet store.
- Your pet has an incision that has visible external stitches or staples. These will need to be removed in 10 to 14 days. Monitor the incision site daily for excessive redness, swelling, or discharge/drainage. The incision should stay clean and dry. Most patients will not notice their incision or only lick it occasionally. If your pet wants to lick at the incision a lot you will need to get an E-collar which goes around the neck and prevents licking of the surgery site. We have them in stock or you can purchase one at a local pet store.
- Your pet has a bandage. Please keep the bandage clean and dry. Please call the office if the bandage becomes wet, slips out of position, or starts to smell.
- Your pet has a cast. It is very important that your pet's activity is restricted and there is no unsupervised running. Leash walks only! The cast needs to stay clean and dry. Please call us if the cast becomes wet, slips out of position, or starts to smell. An improperly fitting cast can cause significant problems and should not be ignored.
- Your cat has been declawed. The cat needs to be on shredded newspaper or paper based litter (Yesterday's News) instead of clay or clumping litter for 7 to 10 days. Please monitor your cat's toes for any swelling, discharge, or tenderness.
- Our goal is to minimize the amount of discomfort your pet feels as a result of surgery. Your pet received an injection of pain medicine after their procedure. If you think your pet is painful please call us to discuss the problem and we will prescribe an appropriate pain reliever as necessary.
- Your pet has been prescribed an antibiotic. Please give as directed on the bottle.
- Your pet has been prescribed a pain reliever. Please give as directed on the bottle.