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Post- Surgical Care Information

For: _____

Procedure: _____

How was the skin closed: Sutures / Glue / Staples

Care of the Surgery Site

__The incision should be kept clean and dry. Do not bathe your pet for 7 to 10 days, or until the sutures are removed.

__If your pet is licking/chewing at the surgery site excessively call us immediately. Your pet may require a large plastic (Elizabethan) collar.

__If a drain has been placed in the surgery site, or if the surgery site has been left partially open, there will be reddish fluid coming from the drain opening. This should be cleaned twice daily with warm water to prevent build- up of dried fluid. Do not use soaps or disinfectants to clean, use only warm water.

Follow Up

__Sutures need to be removed in 10 to 14 days. Please schedule an appointment for this.

__Glued incisions need to be rechecked in 7 to 10 days to make sure they are healing normally. Please schedule an appointment for this.

Activity and Feeding

__Please keep your pet's activity to a minimum for _____ days. Do not allow your pet to run, jump, or play excessively. Dogs should be walked on a leash when outside.

__Most patients are very sleepy when returning home the same day as surgery. Allow your pet a quiet, comfortable, dimly lit area to sleep in. If your pet seems restless you can pet it and talk quietly to help calm it.

__If your female pet was in heat and was spayed she should be kept away from non-neutered males for 3 weeks. Any attempt at breeding during the 3 week period can cause severe injury to the female. Your female may continue to have a reddish discharge for up to 3 weeks after surgery.

__If your pet is going home the same evening as surgery, do not feed your pet until the following morning unless instructed otherwise by your doctor. Your pet can be allowed to have water.

__If your pet is going home the day after surgery, you can give your pet normal amounts of food and water unless instructed otherwise by your doctor.

__For cats, after some surgeries, it is best to use dust-free litter for one week after surgery. This can be recycled paper, paper pellets, corn cob, or other types of dust free litter. Regular clay and non- clumping litter can stick to the surgery site.

