

## Home care after surgical procedures

Keep your pet in a quiet area until he/she is able to stand. Offer your pet half of a normal meal when you return home. If he/she eats and no vomiting is noted, offer the second half of the meal right away. If they vomit or are not interested, wait 1 hour and try offering food again. If he/she does not eat don't worry. Appetite should return gradually within 24 hours of surgery.

\* Any Medication may be started around 6:30pm. If your pet doesn't eat that night it will be okay for the medication to be started on empty stomach. If your pet was given injections a two-week duration antibiotic injection was given, and a 72 hour anti inflammatory injection for pain.

\*Avoid giving baths or any swimming activity until 10-14 days after surgery, or after suture removal.

\*External skin sutures, if present, should be removed in 10-14 days. No appointment is needed, and there is no additional fee for this service. Please come in between 7:30 a.m. and noon, or from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Saturdays.

\*Check the incision site twice daily. Some surgeries we use internal sutures and you wont need to have any sutures removed. Discourage licking or chewing at the incision or sutures. A protective Elizabethan collar is recommended if this occurs. If excessive swelling or discharge develops, please call for a recheck.

\* A bowel movement may not be noted for up to 48 hours post-op.

\* Lethargy lasting for more than 24 hours post-op, diarrhea, or vomiting are not normal and should call may need a recheck. Dogs may have a slight cough for a few days after surgery.

\*If you have any questions or problems, please call us at 926-4206. After hours please call Pet Emergency Clinic at 326-6670.

\*Clinic Hours:

Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. until noon