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POST ANAESTHETIC AND WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS



We hope your pet will make a smooth and speedy recovery. Tonight, he/she will be recovering from the anaesthetic. Please offer a light meal later on- they may not want to eat much but should be eating by 24 hours time. An easily digestible, highly nutritious diet will be of value in the days following the operation - we can supply a suitable food if necessary.

Please keep cats indoors for at least 36 hours following return home.

Please keep a dog's exercise light for at least 36 hours following return home. Please follow the vet's advice after this about exercise levels - this will depend on where the surgery has taken place, how large the wound is and if any bandages are present.



Stitches will have been placed where necessary to ensure good healing of the wound. These shouldn't be licked and your pet will require a buster collar if he/she is interfering with them. If the wound is interfered with, it will take longer to heal and may become infected so please be vigilant and take a buster collar if you suspect there may be problems. We occasionally put a dressing on the wound and this should be kept on for as long as possible. It shouldn't need replacing once it is removed unless otherwise instructed. Stitches are due out in 10 days during a normal appointment slot and at no extra charge. Some wounds require longer healing and the vet will advise when the stitches are due out in this case.

Most post-operative medication should be started 24 hours post-operatively unless otherwise instructed.

In order to administer our medications, a small amount of fur may have been clipped on the leg or the neck.

Finally, each pet is very different and some are more sensitive to pain than others. All will have been given 24 hour pain relief at the time of the operation however some will require more. ***Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned your pet is in pain or if there is any other query regarding their recovery - we are very happy to help.***