Burghfield Veterinary Surgery

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DENTAL PROCEDURES - POST OPERATIVE CARE

We hope your pet makes a smooth and speedy recovery from his/her dental. We will have performed a dental scale and polish as required and there may have been tooth extractions if the tooth and/or roots were particularly diseased. (Please note that we endeavour to save teeth where at all possible, however if they are causing pain or are at risk of becoming infected, we will remove them.) A small amount of salivation post-operatively is to be expected.

Tonight, your pet will be recovering from the general anaesthetic. Please offer a light meal of soft food later on- they may not want to eat much but should be eating by 24 hours time. We can supply a highly nutritious and energy-rich soft "pate" for recovery if required; this is excellent as doesn't require much chewing.

Once your pet has recovered from the operation, thought must be given to how to keep his/her teeth looking good and free from disease. Brushing or dental diets are the best options. Most people find the diets the easiest to administer to their pets. We have included a sample pack of the biscuits, our staff are always on hand for any further advice you require on this matter.

As a general anaesthetic has been administered, it is important to keep cats indoors for at least 36 hours/keep your dog's exercise light for at least 36 hours following return home.

In order to administer our medications or take blood, a small amount of fur on the neck or leg may have been clipped. Most post-operative medication should be started 24 hours post-operatively unless otherwise instructed.

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!