

## Care Of Your Pet Following Surgery Or Hospitalization

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Proper Restraint</b>	Please protect your pet when leaving the hospital by using either a leash or carrier. Excessive activity may result in your pet getting loose or result in injury if your pet is recovering from surgery. Do not allow your pet to become overly active and excited when you pick him/her up from the hospital.
<b>Food and Water</b>	With the excitement of returning home after surgery, your pet may be inclined to drink and eat excessively, which may result in vomiting. To avoid this, we recommend restricting access to water for an hour or so until your pet has quieted down. Then, allow only small amounts of food and water for the first 8 hours. Normal feeding may resume the next day.
<b>Diet</b>	If a special diet has been prescribed, please follow the instructions carefully: <input type="radio"/> Feed your pet his/her regular diet. <input type="radio"/> Feed multiple smaller meals _____ times per day. <input type="radio"/> Special diet: _____
<b>Eliminations</b>	Many patients do not have a bowel movement for 24 to 36 hours after surgery. This is normal.
<b>Exercise and Activity</b>	Patients recovering from surgery or illness should have limited exercise. Avoid access to stairs or situations that may lead to injury. Due to the affects of anesthesia, he/she may be groggy for 12 hours. <input type="radio"/> Your pet may resume normal exercise and activity in _____ days. <input type="radio"/> Your pet should be confined to indoors and taken outside on a leash only for eliminations for _____ days. <input type="radio"/> Your pet should be under strict confinement to a kennel or small room for _____ days. Carry outside for eliminations. No running, jumping or access to stairs is permitted.
<b>Medications</b>	If dispensed, it is important to follow directions carefully. <input type="radio"/> None Dispensed. <input type="radio"/> Dispensed, directions attached. _____ _____ _____
<b>Sutures</b>	Discourage you pet from licking or chewing at the sutures. Please check the incision daily for any swelling, redness, or discharge. If they appear irritated or infected, notify us immediately. <input type="radio"/> Sutures will be removed by appointment _____ days from surgery. <input type="radio"/> Sutures are absorbable and don't need to be removed.
<b>Appointments</b>	Please make an appointment for the following: <input type="radio"/> Suture removal in _____ days. <input type="radio"/> Drain removal in _____ days. <input type="radio"/> Bandage/cast change/check in _____ days. <input type="radio"/> Re-check in _____ days.
<b>Monitor</b>	A decrease in activity or appetite for one or two days may be observed. However, if your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, please notify the clinic: (1) Loss of appetite for over 2 days. (2) Refusal to drink water over 1 day. (3) Weakness. (4) Depression (5) Vomiting (6) Diarrhea
<b>Special Instructions</b>	_____ _____

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