

## **Post Operative Care For Dentals**

### **When you get home**

- Ben may be a little sleepy for the first 24 - 48 hours
- They may have a small area of fur clipped
- They might have a slight cough for 48 hours - due to the tube placed into the windpipe for anaesthetic
- Dogs - may be taken out on lead only, or left to rest
- Cats - must be kept indoors and offered a litter tray with torn up newspaper instead of litter

### **Feeding**

- Water should be available once home
- Offer a small meal when home - but don't be concerned if they don't want to eat on the first night after an anaesthetic
- Dogs - offer a soft and bland diet e.g. pasta, rice, chicken, white fish
- Cats - offer a soft and bland diet e.g. chicken, white fish
- A tin or pouch of recovery food is available to buy from the surgery as an alternative

### **Exercise**

- Must be kept to a minimum for the first 24hours

### **Dressings**

- Your pet may have a bandage on the front leg where the anaesthetic went in - this can be removed once at home

### **Extractions**

- If your pet has had extractions, or has gingivitis, you may noticed blood stained saliva

### **Post-operative checks/medications**

- Please follow instructions on any medications prescribed carefully
- Your pet is likely to need a post-operative check with either the nurse or vet - please don't forget to book this
- The above information is for general dental procedures, more specific additional instructions may be given at discharge by the vet/nurse

**If you have any concerns or queries - please contact the surgery for advice**