

POST OPERATIVE CARE

WHEN YOU GET HOME

Dogs may be taken out on a lead only. Cats should be provided with a litter tray - use ripped up newspaper instead of litter to prevent wound contamination.

Your pet may be a little sleepy if a sedative or anaesthetic has been given so do not be too concerned if they are sleeping a bit more in the first 24-48 hours. A small amount of hair may have been clipped. There may be a slight cough present for 48 hours due to the tube we place in the windpipe while under anaesthetic.

EXERCISE

During the first 24 hours exercise should be kept to a minimum. If there are stitches, lead exercise for dogs and cats should be kept indoors until they are removed. Your pet should not climb stairs or jump up onto furniture or into the car.

FEEDING

Water should be made available on arrival home. We recommend a bland meal tonight, e.g. white fish, chicken, rice or pasta. A tin or pouch of recovery food is available to buy from the surgery.

STITCHES

If your pet has non-dissolvable stitches they will need to be removed in approximately 10 days time. Please check the wound daily for swellings and discourage any licking or scratching. A collar can be purchased from the surgery to prevent your pet getting to the wound.

DRESSINGS

If your pet has a dressing, ensure it is kept clean and dry.

Dogs - If the dressing is on a limb, a plastic bag/sock may be placed over the dressing when going outside but take off when in the house.

Cats - Need to stay indoors while dressing is on.

Please contact the surgery if dressing gets wet or damaged as this may be uncomfortable for your pet.

DENTALS

If your pet has had a dental procedure today, soft food should be fed for a few days. If your pet has had extractions or has gingivitis you may notice a blood stained saliva.

If you have any concerns please contact the surgery for advice.