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Small Animal Surgery After-Care Instructions

Surgical procedure performed _____

With this surgery, there will be mild pain and redness at the surgical site. Avoid getting the surgery site wet or dirty. Please examine the surgery site twice a day and look for redness, swelling and discharge. Call us immediately if you are concerned.

Because your pet was anesthetized for surgery, they may seem a little groggy or “drunk” for a while. They may also feel nauseous and won’t want to eat. They may also stumble or be off-balance. These are normal symptoms. Offer your pet a comfortable, warm, quiet place to rest, and the symptoms should wear off in about 24 hours. If not, give us a call.

Your animal may be sent home with some device (ie. cone) to keep them from licking the surgical site. **It is the owner’s responsibility to ensure this device is secured properly and remains in place for 10 days following the surgery.** If this device becomes defective, please notify us immediately. Please ensure other animals do not lick the surgery site either.

Your pet should be confined and prohibited activity for 10 days. For cats, we recommend a kennel no larger than 4’ x 4’ with a litter box inside, and for dogs we recommend using a leash when taking the dog out to go to the bathroom. Allow dogs the opportunity to go to the bathroom every 4 hours.

Your animal was given an antibiotic injection to prevent infection and a long-lasting pain medication. You may or may not receive additional prescription medications depending on the circumstances; if you do, please follow the directions given with the medicine(s).

Most surgery sites are closed with absorbable sutures. These will dissolve and will not be removed. Some breeds and surgeries require non-absorbable sutures and/ or staples. These must be removed in 10-14 days.

Client’s Name _____ Date _____

Pet’s Name _____ Age _____ Breed _____

Your pet has Absorbable sutures Non-absorbable sutures Staples None
 Your pet has post-surgery prescriptions does not need post-surgery prescriptions

I have received the after-care instructions for my pet, and I understand proper after-surgery care is my responsibility.

Client’s Signature _____

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