



Animal House Veterinary Hospital

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Hours of Operation: M 8a-6p, T 9a-4p, W 8a-7p, Th 8a-7p, F 9a-5p, Sat 9a-1p

General Anesthesia

- **Food and Water:**

- This evening you can give your pet a small amount of water in their bowl. If no vomiting or diarrhea occurs within an hour, you can then give them $\frac{1}{3}$ of their normal feeding. If any vomiting or diarrhea occur, withhold food and water until the next morning and repeat these instructions. If your pet continues to have vomiting and/or diarrhea, please contact us.

- **Activity:**

- If you have any staircases you will want to watch your pet or help them if necessary for the first 24-48 hours after sedation/anesthesia.

Incision Care

- **Basic Care**

- Incisions are to be monitored and examined daily. A hard swelling at the incision site is common and occur as the body resorbs the absorbable sutures below the skin. This swelling becomes much more pronounced if the pet is too active post operatively. The swelling will disappear usually within a month after the surgery.
- Pets are to be kept in a clean, dry area.
- Pets should not be allowed to lick or chew at the incision site. E-collars are recommended to be worn at all times until the incision is healed.

- **Restrictions**

- **Dogs**

- Short leash walks only to urinate and defecate.
- No running, playing or jumping for 7 days.

- **Cats**

- Keep cats in a small space to restrict their activity.
- Replace regular litter in litter box with shredded news paper or special cat litter that will not stick to the incision such as "Yesterday's News" cat litter.

- **Sutures/ Staples**

- **Absorbable Sutures:**

- Sutures are usually placed below the skin and therefore will be absorbed by the body.
- External Sutures or Staples
 - Please schedule an appoint for your pet to return in 10-14 days to have these removed.

Dental Extractions

- Feeding
 - Soft food should be fed for 3- 5 days after a dental extraction which could be canned food or their normal dry food softened by soaking in warm water.
- Bleeding from the Extraction Site
 - Ice in their water dish may help slow bleeding from the extraction site/s.
 - If ice in the water is ineffective and the pet allows it, apply pressure with a tea bag to the location that is bleeding in the oral cavity.

Medications to go Home:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Reasons to Notify the Doctor

- If you notice any redness, swelling, discharge, or that the incision site is hot to the touch
- Licking or chewing at the incision site or your pet removes a suture /staple or otherwise irritates the incision.
- Your pet refuses to eat or seems depressed after the first day home.
- Your pet's gum color is pale or there is bleeding from the incision.
- If there is continuous vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Client Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

