



GENERAL POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Whilst No appt is in the hospital he/she has been given every possible care to ensure a full and complete recovery. Please observe the following points.

1. In most cases pets will not be returned home unless they can walk. However they will still be a little unsteady and this may take up to 24 hours or so to disappear.
2. **DO NOT** take your pet out for the first week or unless otherwise instructed to do so.
3. The front limbs may have been clipped for the administration of an intravenous anaesthetic. This is normal procedure. Similarly animals may have their forelimb or neck shaved if blood tests have been carried out.
4. If your pet wishes to eat when you return home, a small meal may normally be offered unless otherwise advised.
5. We will usually provide a "recovery pack" of easily-digestible food for the next few meals to speed post-op recovery. **DO NOT** give a large meal or force him/her to eat for 24 hours. If they have not eaten within 36 hours then contact us immediately.
6. If any teeth have been removed during the operation then give liquidised food for 1 week.
7. Most sutures are of an absorbable type so they will dissolve. A check up is required 5 days later.
8. It is of vital importance that your pet does not interfere with the wound. If they should try to do so then please come back to the surgery to collect a Buster Collar from us.
9. Where possible observe wounds daily. If there is excessive swelling or discharge please contact the surgery. Large wounds may ooze a little serum or frank blood for up to 24 hours.
10. If you are given any medication for your pet please ensure that you give the **FULL** course as directed.

SPECIAL DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS