



Post-Surgery Care Instructions for Pet Cats and Dogs

Your pet had surgery today. **Please read the following carefully.**

- **DIET** – When anesthesia is used, stomach upset can occur. To avoid this, limit the amount of food and water your pet has access to when you get home. Feed a light meal this evening. Pets should resume their normal feeding routine in the morning.
- **EXERCISE** – KEEP YOUR PET INDOORS FOR 5 DAYS. You must restrict your pet's activity for the next **7** days. *No running, jumping, or playing.*
- **GROOMING** – **DO NOT GIVE YOUR PET A BATH FOR THE NEXT 10 DAYS.** The incision must stay **dry and clean.**
- **SUTURES** – They will dissolve unless you are told differently. *Do not get the sutures wet because they will dissolve too quickly.*
- **INCISION** – **CHECK YOUR PET'S INCISION TWICE DAILY FOR THE NEXT 7 DAYS. Please use an e-collar if your pet is licking, chewing or scratching the incision.** A small amount of seepage is normal for the first 24 hours. Should you notice drainage, pus, swelling, redness past this time contact your personal vet.
- **PAIN MANAGEMENT** – Your pet has already received pain medication today. **DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN, TYLENOL, OR ANY OTHER MEDICATION WITHOUT SPEAKING TO YOUR VETERINARIAN. MANY HUMAN MEDICINES CAN KILL YOUR PET.**
- **Make sure to register your microchip!** If your pet received a microchip, you will need to contact the company associated with the chip. Failure to do so will result in your chip being inactive.

IMPORTANT – If your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, notify your veterinarian immediately.

- *Unwillingness to eat or drink for 24 hours
- *Straining to urinate or defecate
- * Blood or pus from the incision
- * Unwillingness to stand or move
- *Swelling at the incision site
- *Abnormal breathing

If you have questions about your pet's condition, you may contact WCAC at (615) 790-5590. If an emergency should arise, please contact your regular veterinarian.

Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners Emergency is available 24 hours (615) 333-1212.