

Whiteway Animal Hospital

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Post-Operative Instructions

- Your pet has been under general anesthesia and has had a surgical operation.
- Your pet will probably be very sleepy tonight. Keep your pet inside in a small, warm and quiet area where he/she can rest and recover from surgery.
- Keep your pet quiet and prevent rough play for about 7 days so the incision can heal. Your pet needs to remain mostly indoors during this time.
- For dogs, take outside to “potty” on a leash. For cats, shredded paper instead of litter may be recommended.
- If necessary, you may bathe your pet 3 days after the surgery. Please be gentle around the incision.
- Check the incision after a few days for excessive swelling or leakage. DO NOT apply anything to the incision unless otherwise instructed to do so.
- Your pet was given an antibiotic shot. If your pet goes home with any medication, please give it exactly as directed.
- Your pet will have either metal or dissolvable sutures. Metal sutures need to be removed 14 days after the surgery; dissolvable sutures should disappear on their own. If your pet has dissolvable sutures that are still present after 1 month, bring them back to have them removed.
- Your pet may have a bandage. Bandages should be removed within 24 to 48 hours, unless stated otherwise. If there is any swelling, please remove the bandage and contact us as soon as possible
- Please, take measures to keep your pet from licking/ scratching the incision. You may be told that your pet will require an Elizabethan collar; these can be purchased at any of the pet stores, and are, therefore, not provided by us.

What is Normal

- Your pet may be tired and sedate for 24 hours or so.
- There may be slight swelling at the incision site.
- There may be slight bruising at the incision site.
- Occasionally there is firm, painless swelling where the body is reacting to the internal sutures. This will go away as the sutures dissolve.

Call Us if You Note Any of the Following

- Lethargy or depression lasting for more than 48 hours after surgery.
- Excessive swelling at the incision site (this will happen if your pet’s activity is not limited).
- Any fluid leaking from the incision.
- Pain at the incision.
- Vomiting and/ or diarrhea.
- Difficulty urinating.
- Pale gums.
- Labored breathing,

** Please notify us IMMEDIATELY if there are any post-operative complications: (404) 636-6604

** If it is after-hours, or on the weekend, please call: (770) 491-0661

****You are responsible for following all post-operative instructions exactly.**