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**Your pet has just undergone major surgery. It is extremely important that you read and follow these instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or death of your pet.**

**The Day and Night after Surgery:**

- **Anesthesia can cause nausea and vomiting.** If this occurs, please avoid food and water for the night. If vomiting is excessive or persists, please contact your veterinarian.
- You may offer your pet a small amount of food and water if there is no vomiting.
- There may be a small amount of blood seepage from the incision for the first 24-48 hours. Anything more than a small amount should be reported to a veterinarian at once.
- **For cats: shredded newspaper or dust free litter should be used for 5 days following surgery to prevent infection.**
- **For the Next 10 Days:**
- **Your pet must be kept in a warm, dry place** and as quiet as possible for **10 days** following the surgery. Cats and dogs should be kept inside for 10 days.
- Dogs should be allowed outside for short, supervised, leash walks only.
- **Your pet has dissolvable skin sutures.** No suture removal will be necessary, unless otherwise noted.
- **Be sure to check the incision twice daily.** Signs of infection are: swelling, redness (pink and scabbing is normal) tenderness, unpleasant odor, and/or discharge.
- A hard knot may develop at the incision sight. This is normal and will go away over time.
- **The most common post-surgical problems are caused by licking the incision.** The best way to prevent that is with the use of an E-Collar (Elizabethan Collar). The E-Collar must be worn **24 Hours a Day for 10 days** and extend 1 ½ to 2 inches past the pet's nose.
- **Do not bathe your pet for 10 days** following the surgery. Keep the surgical incision site clean and dry.
- Prevent contact with other pets for the next 48 hours. If your pet was in heat, prevent contact with intact males for two weeks.
- Your pet **will** experience pain at the incision site. **DO NOT USE OVER THE COUNTER HUMAN PAIN MEDICATION!**
- Your pet was given an injection of pain medication prior to and following surgery. For cats this injection is sustained release and will last for 3 days. For dogs we send home 3 days of oral pain medication to be started the morning after surgery.
- Please limit your pet's activity level for 10 days, even if they show no signs of pain. Pain medication often causes pets to feel very little or no pain and they often try to return to normal activity levels.

**NOTE: If your pet has a problem specifically related to this surgery, you may return to the clinic for a recheck examination. Please call and let us know the concerns you have noticed, and we will schedule your pet for a recheck that day. There is no fee for the exam, however, there may be a charge if any medications are prescribed.**

**In the event of an after-hours emergency, please call your regular veterinarian or an emergency clinic.**