

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE AFTER A PROCEDURE



Your pet has had a sedation or general anaesthetic today and therefore may be a bit sleepy.

Please offer some bland food tonight, ideally home-cooked chicken or white fish, or pet food based on chicken/white fish. Please do not worry if he/she refuses food tonight but please call us tomorrow if the food has not been eaten by then.

Exercise for dogs:

- no jumping or steep stairs (they may need to be carried/helped)
- toilet duty only on a lead until the first post-op check, then limited exercise as advised

Cats:

- please keep him/her in for 10 days or as directed by the vet/nurse

Medications

Please follow instructions on the labels. If you have any difficulty medicating your pet, please let us know straight away as it is important no doses are missed.

Please do not let your pet lick the surgical site. A buster collar, inflatable collar, medical shirt, or bandage may have been supplied. Please ask if this method of preventing patient interference is not working.

If there is a bandage on one of your pet's legs where we had placed an intravenous cannula, you should remove this when you get home. Please do not leave it on overnight as it may cause swelling of the paw.

Please ensure you have booked the next post-op check for in 2-3 days time or as directed by the vet/nurse.

If there are sutures to be removed, we will need to see your pet back in 10-14 days for this.

If you have any concerns, please call us on 01865 736060; if this is after we have closed you will be directed to our out-of-hours provider, telephone number 01993 811355.

Thank you for entrusting your pet to our care.