

# Post Surgical Instructions

Your pet has had a general anesthetic today. Variations in ease of recovery are normal. Please read the following to familiarize yourself with what may be expected during recovery.

1. *Side Effects of anesthesia:* Your pet may be unsteady when walking, the eyes may appear droopy and red. Vomiting and/or diarrhea may occur once or twice.
2. *Incision care:* We recommend you check the incision daily for any redness or swelling. Please discourage your pet from chewing or excessive licking, which will irritate the incision. If there is excessive licking or chewing please call for an Elizabethan collar. (looks like a lamp shade) Do not let incision and/or bandage get wet until healed.
3. *Exercise:* Please limit exercise for the next three to five days. We recommend your pet be on a leash and kept inside where it's quiet. Please refrain your pet from running or jumping.
4. *Diet:* Offer a small amount of food and water this evening. Resume regular feeding schedule tomorrow. Your pet may or may not feel up to eating a meal tonight.
5. \_\_\_\_ Sutures need to be removed in \_\_\_\_\_ days. Please make an appointment.
6. Additional Discharge Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please contact our office with any concerns or questions.  
603-357-4049**

Thank you,  
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