



Perfect Paws Animal Hospital

Surgical Go Home Instructions:

Pet Name: _____ Procedure: _____

Rest and Confinement:

- Limit activity for 10-14 days: Short leash walks, avoid jumping, running, and playing.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for your pet to rest, away from other animals and children.

Incision Care:

- Keep the incision clean and dry.
- Do not bathe your pet for 10-14 days (or after suture removal).
- Keep Elizabethan Collar on at ***ALL TIMES*** to prevent your pet from licking or chewing at their surgical site.

Monitor for Complications:

*Please contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any of the following:

- **Signs of infection at incision site:**
 - Redness, swelling, discharge, missing sutures
- **GI upset:**
 - Vomiting more than 3 times in 12 hours
 - Diarrhea for more than 12 hours
- **Abnormal elimination:**
 - Difficulty/straining to urinate, blood in urine,
 - Has not defecated for more than 48 hours

Meals:

- Resume normal diet, starting with half the usual amount 1-2 hours after arriving home.
- Pets can have decreased appetites for 1-2 days following an anesthetic procedure.

Medication:

1. _____

Next dose: _____

2. _____

Next dose: _____

Follow-Up:

- Schedule a follow-up appointment with your veterinarian for suture removal in 10-14 days.