

WESTSIDE ANIMAL CLINIC

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General Post Operative Instructions

1. In general your pet should become more alert the day after surgery. Excessive sleepiness, pale gums or gastrointestinal upsets should be cause for concern and warrants a phone call or possibly an exam.
2. Swelling, marked redness, discharge of any color from incisions are also cause for concern and too should warrant at least a phone call. Leash walk only for 10 days to minimize. Especially neuterings!
3. Occasionally tissue glue is used to close an incision and you may see an odd bluish line of material right at the incision line. Not to worry. There should be no sutures to remove at a later date.
4. Please do not bathe your pet until 3 days after staples or sutures have been removed or in the case of tissue glue ...10 days after surgery. Do not scrub the incision itself vigorously nor cause undue stress on the incision line.
5. It is ok to feed your pet in the evening after surgery if (s)he seems hungry. Limit it to a half a meal. And water is okay from the gitgo.
6. If your pet is too active after surgery a pocket of fluid may develop that could slow the healing and even result in infection so if you see a "seroma" develop let us know and get it checked out.
7. If your pet licks excessively at the incision you should stop in and get the techs to dispense you an Elizabethan collar to dissuade licking. A little clean up and attention now and then is normal.
8. Do not apply any ointments directly to the incision. It slows healing. Clean adjacent to the incision if needed with peroxide and then remove the peroxide with a water wetted sponge or wash cloth.
9. Unless otherwise instructed you can start pain meds the evening you bring your pet home and antibiotics the next morning if these have been dispensed.
10. If your pet has had a dental today and teeth were removed we recommend canned or soft food for 2 weeks and be sure to give pain meds as instructed. Your pet had _____ teeth removed today.
11. Please be sure the ladies at the reception desk give you an appointment to have the sutures/staples removed in _____ days
12. Other info: