

Home Care Instructions:

- Your pet has had surgery. They may be sore or tired for the next several days. They may also have a cough from the endotracheal tube for the next 5-7 days.
- No food until tomorrow morning. You may give a small amount of water this evening once completely awake. Do not leave water with them over night.
- Please do not bathe your pet for the next 10-14 days after their procedure and try to keep the sutures dry.
- Please watch your pet to make sure they are not licking or chewing at their sutures. If they are, discourage them and get an e-collar either from us or the pet store.
- It may be necessary to isolate your pet if you have other pets at home as their house mates may also lick or chew at the sutures. Please watch them closely.
- You may see some post op bruising. This is nothing to be concerned about and will dissipate over time. If it seems to cause any discomfort you may apply a cold pack for 15 minutes twice daily.
- If your pet seems lethargic please check their gum color first. If the gums are white this is an indication of an emergency and your pet should be seen immediately.

If your pet has been sent with an elizabethan collar please keep it on for 10-14 days at all times. Please check the collar daily to ensure it is not too tight. As long as you can get two fingers under the collar it is not too tight. Also ensure the collar is still in the proper place around the neck. Do not allow excess moisture to build up inside or around the collar as this may cause a hot spot.

Exercise restrictions for the next 10-14 days:

Leash Walk Cage Rest No Running/Jumping/Climbing

Feeding:

Can Eat Tonight Regular Diet Starting Tomorrow _____

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call our office or contact an emergency clinic.

Emergency Clinics:

Leesburg 703-777-5755
Winchester 540-662-7811
Fredrick 301-662-6622
Hagerstown 301-733-7339