

Midvalley Animal Clinic

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HOME CARE INSTRUCTION FOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES

ALERTNESS: Your pet has been given an anesthetic today and will be drowsy and uncoordinated for up to 24 hours. For this reason it is important to keep him/her away from stairs and decks and to keep him/her indoors in a quiet room the 1st night.

ACTIVITY: If possible keep your pet indoors for 10 days following their surgery to allow the incision to heal. This is especially important if it is wet outside and they go home with any kind of bandage. If you feel your pet is experiencing pain and needs extra pain medications please contact our office.

INCISION: The incision should be checked daily for redness, swelling, discharge and pain. Call our office if you are concerned about the incision for any reason. Some sutures dissolve and your pet does not need to come back for suture removal. All sutures and staples that can be seen on the outside need to be removed 10 to 14 days post surgery. Call for a suture removal appointment that is free. **If the skin incision comes open after hours it is not necessary to have the emergency clinic resuture it.** Keep the incision clean and don't let your pet lick the surgery site. Bring your pet into the clinic as soon as we are open.

FOOD and WATER: It is all right to make food and water available to your pet once they have their coordination back. Many pets are nauseous for 24 hours. If not vomiting it is ok to give pain medication and antibiotics the first night.

BANDAGES: If your pet goes home with a bandage on it usually needs to be rechecked by us and removed within 3 to 5 days post surgery. **If you have not been given specific instructions please call.** Sometimes there is a fee for re-bandaging your pet. If a bandage slips down on a leg or seems to be causing discomfort or swelling remove the bandage and have your pet rechecked.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency services are available after hours at The Pet ER: 7200 S. 304 W. 801-871-0600. The client is responsible for all fees charged by the emergency clinic.