



The Veterinary Centre



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Post-Operative Care

Recovery time from procedures vary. This can depend on the breed, age and general condition of your pet and the procedure being performed. As a general rule your pet should be more like its normal self after 24-48 hours. Please allow time for your pet to rest away from other pets and children.

Wound Care

Your pet will usually have several sites where hair has been clipped off. This could be just on one limb for intravenous access, or could also be several larger areas for surgical procedures. Removing plenty of hair is important for sterility of the procedure. It is important your pet does not lick any surgical wounds. A dressing may have been applied to act as a barrier, however if your pet is trying to lick their wound, a buster collar can be provided. Examine the wound twice daily to check for any redness, swelling or discharge.

Medication

Pain relief is given pre and post operatively routinely at The Veterinary Centre. However, some patients require longer courses of medication and your veterinary surgeon will advise you if this is required.

Exercise

Exercise should be restricted until after any sutures have been removed, or the final post-operative check has been made by the nurse or veterinary surgeon. For dogs this means lead exercise only. It is also recommended that your dog is prevented from jumping and climbing stairs and play time should be limited. If you have a cage or crate this is very useful to keep your pet rested.

Cats and rabbits should be kept indoors until fully recovered and their wounds have healed. Clean cat litter should be available at all times for toileting.

Diet

Your dog or cat will need to be fed a light meal post operatively. Recovery packs (chicken and rice diet) are available from reception. Food should be given in small meals rather than one large meal. Rabbits should be fed their normal diet. Fresh water should be always available.

Post-operative check / Suture removal

You will need to make an appointment to have a check up 2-3 days post-operatively with a nurse and then stitches are removed 10-14 days later.

If you have any concerns regarding your pet's recovery, please don't hesitate to contact the practice for advice.

Special Instructions

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**If You Have Any Questions Or Need Further Advice Please Phone:
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