



Parker and Crowther Limited



VETERINARY SURGEONS

Post Operative Care Sheet

Your pet, has had a general anaesthetic or sedation today in order to perform Operation and may be drowsy and quiet this evening.

A small area of fur may have been clipped from one or more of your pets leg/s and/or neck to obtain blood samples or to administer medication, don't worry this will soon grow back.

Anaesthesia usually involves placing a breathing tube in the windpipe and occasionally this may cause a little irritation afterwards. You may also notice slight coughing, but this should not persist for more than a day or so.

Take your pet straight home and keep him/her in a warm, draught-free area, away from disturbances from other pets and the family.

You may offer your pet a small amount of water, at room temperature, once you are home. Do not give too much water all at once, and do not give milk.

A light meal can be offered 1-2 hours after your return home, e.g. poached chicken or white fish and rice, or the diet food provided. Offer small meals during the evening, rather than one large meal.

Dogs can be taken outside, on a lead, to allow them to empty their bladder.

A normal breakfast can be offered the following day. All effects of sedative & anaesthetic drugs should have worn off by midday, and your pet should have eaten a little & urinated. Please telephone the surgery for advice if you are concerned.

Dogs must only be given gentle exercise on a lead until stitches are removed. Some surgical wounds may swell or bruise a little post-op, keeping your pet well rested will reduce this.

Please keep an eye on wounds or dressings. If you notice any problems such as swelling, discharge or redness of the wound, or the dressing has slipped or appears to be uncomfortable please contact the surgery for further advice.

Your pet must not be allowed to interfere with any stitches. Excessive licking will delay wound healing and may cause post-operative infection. A head-collar may be necessary to prevent this. Should your pet remove the stitches the wound may need re-suturing, which will incur additional costs.

If medication has been dispensed it should be given as directed and started the morning following surgery, unless otherwise stated.

POST-OP CHECK:

PLACE PRINTED APPOINTMENT LABEL HERE

REMOVAL OF STITCHES:

Usually done around 10 days post op.
Please book at post-op check.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUERIES PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SURGERY.

Daleside Veterinary Surgery, 309-311 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 3DE, Tel: 01704 575606
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