



POST SURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL SURGERY

Your pet is ready to go home!

- ❖ Once home, allow pet to continue recovery in a warm, quiet, comfortable place. Keep separated from other pets and small children. Each pet will recover at his or her own pace.
- ❖ Patients that have received general anesthesia may experience some degree of stomach upset. As a preventative, please:
 - Offer small amounts of water at a time
 - Offer small amounts of pet's regular diet at a time
- ❖ Please start and give medications as prescribed:

- ❖ Leash walk for 7 days post procedure, including potty breaks.
- ❖ Rest is essential for a healthy recovery.
- ❖ Use an Elizabethan collar, if prescribed.
- ❖ Please schedule an appointment upon pick-up if your pet requires one or more of the following post procedure:
 - Bandage change or removal in 2-3 days
 - Drain removal in 3-5 days
 - Suture removal in 10-12 days
 - Skin staples to be removed in 10-12 days
 - Recheck in _____ days
- ❖ External sutures will need to be removed in 10-12 days. Sutures that are under the skin will dissolve on their own.
- ❖ Biopsy and culture results are generally available in 7 days.

Please feel free to contact us at **540-364-4954** if you have any questions or concerns.

Our goal is a smooth and uneventful recovery!