

Home Care Following Surgery

Your pet has received a general anesthetic and as a result, may appear more tired than normal and possibly a little uncoordinated. This is to be expected, and the grogginess should disappear in the next day or so.

- To prevent vomiting due to excitement on arrival home, DO NOT give your pet food or water for 1 hour after returning home. Feed lightly the regular diet around 7 pm and return to normal feeding tomorrow.
- If your pet becomes listless or refuses to eat the next day, or if vomiting or diarrhea occur, please call the shelter at 863-324-5227.
- Observe the incision at least twice a day for drainage, excessive swelling, redness, or pain and report any abnormalities to the shelter.
- Discourage excessive licking or chewing at the incision area, please call if it persists.
- An "E" collar is the best way to prevent the pet from licking their incision site. We offer them for \$20. No baths or swimming for the next 10 days.
- Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns you may have.
- If there is a bandage on your pet please remove at 8pm.

For after hour emergencies call: Veterinary Healthcare Associates @ 863-324-3340

I have read and understand the home care following surgery instructions.

Name

Printed Name

Date

Pet's Name