

POST SURGICAL CARE

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Activity:**

- Restrict exercise for _____ days.
- Do not permit running, jumping, or other rough play.
- Avoid cold, damp areas for one week after surgery.
- No swimming or bathing until stitches are removed.

2. **Diet:**

- No food or water the first hour after returning home.
- Slowly introduce small amounts of water until the pet is no longer thirsty.
- The first meal should be limited to 25% of the normal feeding.
- The regular feeding schedule can resume the following day.

3. **Incision:**

- Check the incision at least once daily.
- Watch for excess licking or chewing at the sutures.

4. **Sutures:**

- Reaction to the suture material may cause a small, hard lump at the incision site. This will eventually disappear.
- Return in _____ days for suture removal.

NOTIFY THE DOCTOR IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

- Your pet removes the sutures.
- The surgical site is irritated, red, or swollen.
- The incision has any discharge.
- Your pet seems depressed or lethargic.
- Your pet vomits or has diarrhea.
- Your pet seems feverish or reluctant to eat.

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