



General Surgery Discharge Instructions

The following are general post-op surgery instructions. Please refer to your pet's personalized discharge instructions for additional information.

Do:

- 🐾 It is important to restrict activity for the next 14 days. Restricted activity will lessen the chance of sutures failing or a seroma (fluid filled swelling) forming at the surgical site.
- 🐾 Schedule a complimentary recheck in 7-10 days to ensure the surgery site is healing well.
- 🐾 Preventing your pet from licking the surgical site is vital for proper healing. An e-collar is recommended to prevent self-trauma to the surgical site.

Do Not:

- 🐾 Do not bathe your pet for 14 days while the skin incision is healing.
- 🐾 No running, jumping, or high energy activities until after the recheck in 7-10 days.

Medications:

- 🐾 Follow all instructions on the label(s) of your pet's medications.

Notify us immediately if you observe any of the following:

- 🐾 Unwillingness to eat after 24 hours
- 🐾 If your pet does not tolerate a medication or develops any vomiting, diarrhea, or lethargy
- 🐾 If there is any discharge from the surgical site or should the surgical site appear inflamed or open.

Every pet will recover from anesthesia differently and every pet will heal at a different rate. Please contact us if you have any concerns while your pet is healing from surgery. If we are closed and you feel that your pet needs to be seen or is experiencing a medical emergency, please contact First Coast Veterinary ER at (904) 853-6310.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your furry family member,

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