



POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR DOG

IMPORTANT: DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG OR OTHER PETS TO LICK OR CHEW ITS INCISION. IF THIS HAPPENS, GET A "BITE NOT" OR ELIZABETHAN COLLAR IMMEDIATELY!

ALL DOGS:

- The night after surgery, give only small amounts of food and water at one time.
- Keep confined indoors for two (2) days, keeping children and other pets away.
- No running or jumping for seven (7) days.
- Walk your dog on a leash, and do not allow to roam free or leave unattended outside for seven (7) days.

FEMALE DOGS: She can smell like she is in heat for seven (7) days, so keep male dogs away.

MALE DOGS: He can still be potent for up to fourteen (14) days, so keep him away from female dogs.

Your dog has been given an injection of meloxicam at a dose of 0.09 mg/lb – this will provide pain relief for at least 24 hours. **DO NOT GIVE ANY HUMAN PAIN MEDICATION TO YOUR PET.**

THINGS TO WATCH FOR FOLLOWING SURGERY:

- Your dog may be uncoordinated and weak from the anesthesia for the next 24 hours.
- It may feel some nausea and not want to eat – this is normal.
- Some redness and swelling at the incision site is normal.
- Endotracheal tubes (tube in windpipe) are used during surgery. This may result in a slight cough or hack due to irritation in the throat. If a cough lasts longer than three (3) days, please notify Planned Pethood.

OBSERVE YOUR PET FOR:

- Loss of appetite for more than two (2) days or refusal to drink water for more than one (1) day.
- Severe depression or weakness.
- Vomiting after the first 24 hours.
- Diarrhea, severe pain or incision drainage

WOUND CARE:

- Your dog has **NO EXTERNAL** sutures (unless otherwise instructed).
- If there is any discharge or foul odor, or if the incision opens, get medical attention as soon as possible (see below).
- Do not bathe your dog for the next seven (7) days as this may cause infection at the surgery site. A sponge bath, avoiding the incision, is allowed.

If you have concerns about your pet's condition or incision, call Planned Pethood. We will do a recheck at no charge for surgery related problems on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. If you elect to go elsewhere, we are not responsible for any costs you may incur. For LIFE THREATENING emergencies during non-business hours, call an emergency clinic (consult your yellow pages). Please note that Planned Pethood is not affiliated with any emergency clinic. Any charges incurred are the client's responsibility.