



University Avenue Veterinary Hospital
Routine Surgical Discharge Form

Post operatively

- ❑ Your pet may still be groggy from the anaesthetic – when home, place them in a quiet room where they can be watched but not disturbed
- ❑ Water can be offered, and a small meal given later that evening, unless advised otherwise
- ❑ Your pet will need to be kept as quiet and calm as possible for 10-12 days while the wound heals and until any sutures are due to be removed
- ❑ If your pet is reluctant to eat, appears uncomfortable, or has persistent vomiting after surgery, please contact the hospital.

Wound care

- ❑ We recommend an elizabethan collar to discourage your pet from licking or chewing at wounds, bandages and sutures – please let reception staff know if you wish to purchase one if you haven't already done so.
- ❑ Keep all wounds clean and dry – no bathing or swimming for 14 days and until any sutures are removed, and try to prevent your pet from lying in the dirt. There should be no need to bathe or clean the wounds yourself, unless otherwise instructed to do so by your vet.
- ❑ Monitor wounds every 24 hours for any signs of bleeding, discharge, swelling, redness or odour – please contact the hospital if any of these occur

Suture Removal

- ❑ Any sutures in place are due out in 10-14 days, unless advised otherwise - please make an appointment for suture removal with reception staff

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding your pet's recovery, please don't hesitate to ask our nurses at the reception desk, or call us on **8931 – 0455**.