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POST- OP CARE

Your animal has had a general anaesthetic today. It is likely to be sleepy especially if it is older. It may also vomit especially if its stomach is overloaded. It is sensible to give it somewhere warm and quiet to recover for the next 24 hours with the offer of small amounts of water and small light meals.

If your animal has stitches they should not cause a problem or be unduly licked. If the wound appears to be causing a problem please contact the surgery

Stitches are usually removed after 10 days the cost of which is included in the operation charge. Further examinations. or dressing changes do however incur additional cost.

ABDOMINAL- SURGERY e.g. SPEY

As your animal has an abdominal wound a certain amount of discomfort is likely as the muscles of the body wall have been separated. Some animals may be reluctant to pass urine or faeces as the straining/posturing involved may be uncomfortable. This discomfort should pass in a few days.

Animals with abdominal wounds should be discouraged from jumping up and lead exercise only for dogs should be given until the skin stitches are removed. If you are concerned that your animal is suffering undue discomfort please contact the surgery.

FRACTURES OR ORTHOPAEDICS

Unless you have been specifically told otherwise REST is most important to help bone injuries to heal. Exercise should be kept to an absolute minimum – taken out on a lead to do the toilet and nothing else. All dressings and/or plaster casts should remain in their original position, if they do not please contact the surgery. Bones and ligament damage can take a long time to heal, if however your animal seems to be getting worse rather than better or if you are unsure about the wound or the animals progress again please contact the surgery.

CRYOSURGERY

Cryosurgery destroys unwanted tissue by freezing and thus killing the cells. This dead tissue will slough off over a period of about ten days. leaving healthy tissue beneath. During this period, the treated area may appear wet and weeping with an unpleasant odour. Do not allow the animal to lick or chew the area. If this is impossible. contact the surgery and ask for an Elizabethan collar.

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