

Abbey Animal Hospital

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POST SURGICAL HOME CARE

- Please do not feed your pet until the day after surgery.
- Please try to discourage your pet from licking the incision. Occasional licking of the incision is normal, however, if licking becomes excessive, a protective collar will be necessary.
- Check the incision daily.
- Mild swelling at the incision site is common in the first week post operatively.
- Please limit your pets' activity to casual, leash only exercise for one week.
- NO baths or swimming for 10 days.
- For spays and dog neuters, your pet has a subcuticular suture put in under the skin using absorbable sutures.
- Declawed cats should be given shredded newspaper or *Yesterday's News* Cat Litter for the first 3-5 days instead of clay/sand litter.
- Any outdoor cats should be kept inside for one week after surgery.
- Please start any antibiotics the day after surgery, as your pet will have received a penicillin injection at the time of surgery.
- Please start any pain medication the day after surgery, as your pet will have received an injection at the time of surgery.

We appreciate the confidence you show in us by leaving your pet in our care. We realize your pet was probably cleaned and groomed upon admittance. However, surgical preparation may require hair clipping and application of various colour-tinged disinfectants. Soiling of the hair coat, especially during dental procedures, and by body fluid(s) during anesthesia recovery, presents an additional challenge. Despite this, we have made every effort to ensure your pet's appearance is acceptable when discharged. If we have failed, PLEASE let us know.

DATE OF DISCHARGE:

DISCHARGED BY:

PET'S NAME:

CLIENT'S NAME:

COMMENTS:

Please call us if you have any questions or concerns, we'd be glad to help!