



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.