



**Westside Veterinary Clinic
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After Surgery.....

For: _____ **by** Dr. _____

Following surgery, your pet may appear quiet and sleepy for up to 24 hours. The appetite and activity level may be reduced for the first day or two. All of these signs should **improve** as time passes. Please call us if he or she is not doing well!

General Instructions:

- ☐ Keep your pet **quiet**, preferably inside, until healing is complete. Running and jumping may pull sutures loose.
- ☐ **After surgery** you may offer small amounts of water to drink. If vomiting occurs, withhold any further intake until the morning after surgery. If no vomiting, pet may have a small meal. Normal diet may resume the day after surgery.
- ☐ **Check the surgery site** daily for any sign of trouble. A healthy surgical site is dry, sealed and of normal temperature and color.
- ☐ **Continue any medications** for the full duration prescribed. Give the evening dose on day of surgery unless instructed otherwise.
- ☐ Call us if your pet is not showing return to normal attitude, activity, and appetite, or if the surgical site is not healing. Older pets should be watched closely for good water intake following surgery.
- ☐ **Return for** _____: _____

Special Cases:

- ☐ **Tomcats:** no sutures! Please use paper litter for 3 days.
- ☐ **Declaw patients:** Absorbable sutures may be seen in the toes. Please use paper litter for 5 days. Slight bleeding may occur following scratching. Confinement in a carrier or small, quiet room will usually stop the bleeding. Feet will be sore for several days following surgery.
- ☐ **Neutered male dogs:** No skin sutures. Please keep him very quiet for the first 3 days to help prevent painful swelling.

Other Procedures:

Special Instructions: _____