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POST DENTAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.) The first evening following surgery, offer your pet small amounts of water or ice chips every 30 minutes until he/she is not wanting to drink large amounts. If your pet is holding the water down offer **¼ of their normal food ration**. He/she can be returned to their normal feeding schedule the following day. Vomiting the night of the surgery is not unusual. If this occurs, take away all food and water till the next day. Call the next day if vomiting continues.

2.) Extractions may cause some tenderness while eating. If major chewing teeth were extracted you may want to soften your pets food with water until the recheck appointment. Soft food is also an option. Please call if your pet stops eating.

3.) Normal side effects of the Simbadol pain injection given for cats would be dilated pupils with possible third eyelid elevation, an elevation in body temperature and hiding or behavioral changes for approximately 24 hours.

4.) For the best results, start a routine dental health care plan at home following the dental.

The following link is to a Vet Street article that teaches proper brushing techniques:

<http://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/dog-and-cat-dental-care-simple-steps-for-healthy-teeth>

Following the Good, Better, Best routine to maintain a healthy mouth.

1. GOOD – to chew; providing dental chews to debride teeth and switching to a dental food (we recommend Royal Canin, T/D by Hills, or OraVet chews)
2. BETTER – To rinse and wipe. Adding water bowl additives to rinse bacteria off of teeth. There are also wipes and sprays that accomplish the same task
3. BEST – to brush. Daily brushing fights bacteria build up which helps maintain a healthy mouth.

All steps can be used in combination to create the most successful oral hygiene routine.

If you have any concerns after hours or on weekends call (270)684-3201 and inform the answering service that you need to talk with a doctor about your pet that has had a surgery.

Medications:

Recheck: