

## WILLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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### POST SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.) After first taking your pet home, keep him/her in a **small, quiet area** away from stairs and furniture.
- 2.) The evening following surgery, offer your pet small amounts of water every 30 minutes until he/she is not wanting to drink large amounts. If your pet is holding water down **offer ¼ of their normal food ration**. He/she can be returned to their normal feeding ration the next 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.
- 3.) Keep your pet in a **clean, dry** area until they come in for an incision check. This will help protect the incision from infection. Give pain medication as prescribed.
- 4.) Call if any soft swelling or discharge occurs from incision or if your pet stops eating. A small amount of firm swelling at the incision is normal. If the animal continuously licks at the incision or any moist redness is noted, you will need to come in and get them fitted for an E-collar that will prevent them from causing further problems.
- 5.) **Do Not Bathe** until 14 days after surgery. Flea medications are fine to be applied.
- 6.) **Routine Procedures** An incision check needs to be done 14 days after surgery. This is done as a courtesy follow up exam at no charge.
- 7.) **Cat declaws** need to use special paper litter for 14 days after surgery. Make sure to check paws for swelling or bleeding. Call if any limping occurs.
- 8.) **Cats** given the pain injection Simbadol may have normal side effects such as dilated pupils with possible third eyelid elevation, an elevation in body temperature and hiding or behavioral changes for approximately 24 hours.
- 9.) To help reduce minor swelling, you can create your own ice pack using 1 part isopropyl alcohol and 2 parts water. This will need to be double zip lock bagged. The ice pack can be applied to the area 2 to 3 times daily, for 5 to 10minute increments.
- 10.) 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 surgery.

Medications:

Recheck: