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## Post Dental Instructions

Your Pet has not had food all day and may be very hungry and thirsty upon arriving home. Expect your pet to be ready for food and water even after major dental procedures due to the pain management medication in its system. **Do not allow your pet to rapidly consume a large amount of food or water.** Wait at least 45 minutes after arriving home before offering your pet a small meal. You may offer your pet small amounts of water several times until bedtime. Occasional vomiting may occur the first night. If vomiting should occur, discontinue food and water for the remainder of the night.

**Be aware that your pet's body temperature has a tendency to go subnormal following anesthetic.** Keep your pet warm and dry (not hot) and away from cool drafts the first night (this includes the air conditioner.) It is a good idea to give them a blanket or towel to curl up in the first night at home.

**Within 24 hours** after returning home, your pet's appetite, water intake, bowel movements, urination, and activity level should return to normal. **If not call the clinic.**

### Special Instructions:

- Due to dental or gum surgery, you may need to feed your pet softened food for a day or two.
- Due to dental or gum surgery, your pet's saliva may be slightly blood tinged for a day or two.
- Please call and make a quick appointment in \_\_\_\_\_ days for your pet. At that time a staff member will escort your pet back for the doctor to inspect your pet's mouth.
- Antibiotics are being sent home for your pet. Please use as directed. If vomiting, loss of appetite, or a decrease in activity occurs, discontinue the antibiotics immediately and call the clinic during the next normal hours for further instructions.

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